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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen.

I'm a 70 year-old Territorian, born in Darwin and lived here all my life. I have two daughters plus grandchildren, the former very well know my strong positive views about VAD and that it is a *chosen option* should it be available, should I suffer a catastrophic health event where I lose independence to totally care for myself eg a departure on the wonderful life I live now, free from total dependence on anyone else.

I want NO intervention in the event of a significant cardiac event eg Not For Resus where there is not a positive expected outcome allied to my comments above.

I absolutely resent anyone other than me dictating what direction I can take to end my life including a body of religious minded people who have no authority to say what I can and cannot do, nor any politician or non-health related public servant. Keep out of my living health life unless I have explicitly invited you or my children to make representation on my behalf. I have a registered Advanced Care Plan with copies with my children.

I have voted conservative politics all my adult years, as I grew up with a number of well-honed and talented CLP governments, not perfect, but the party that strove to allow Territorians to prosper and make decisions for themselves, unlike many recent politicians, who believe they know best but solely toe a party line, often left leaning and woke. The latter do not represent my ideals, and no one has authority to make personal decisions such as health-related matters, for me, apart from my adult children that I hope would advocate, represent and abide by my very clearly articulated dying wishes.

Marshall Perron was a very forward thinking and decent politician, not many like him in recent decades, whether they be Labor or Liberal, and certainly not the Greens or Teals.

As a working party tasked with considering and furthering the huge expanse of work that was done by the expert and honourable group over the past two years,

that explored the wishes of many Territorians and pulled together the base report that you are now considering. Please advance this important task with appropriate safeguards, not too onerous though, that would prohibit citizens like me, who wish the right to exercise options in my death, including VAD. If you achieve this goal, many tens of thousands of Territorians like me, will be satisfied that you have fulfilled your role. I will then advocate for the NT Parliament to enact requisite legislation, so I will have options for a dignified death, should we choose to exercise these, or chose palliative care or just a natural death.

I feel sorrow for people, who in the absence of VAD, have had to choose a form of self-administered death, that involved violence such as by gunshot, hanging or other means of suicide rather than one dignified with loved ones, who themselves may or may not support VAD. My very deepest respects to those families where violence has occurred.

Dear Committee: please fulfil your important role, not with your personal views, but represent the views of the vast majority of Territorians who support VAD, whether they choose to exercise this form of demise is clearly up to them. PLEASE Do Not Deny Me How I Choose To Leave This Planet.

With respect and kind regards, Allan McEwan

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