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To the Committee Secretariat,

I am writing to strongly oppose the introduction of Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation in the Northern Territory.

While I understand and respect the deep compassion that motivates some to support VAD, I hold the firm conviction that legalizing the deliberate ending of life is not the right path forward. Our laws should protect the most vulnerable — the elderly, the sick, the disabled, and those who may feel like a burden on others. Allowing assisted dying risks creating pressure, whether subtle or overt, on individuals to end their lives prematurely rather than seek comfort, care, and dignity.

Instead of VAD, I believe our focus should be on improving and investing in high-quality palliative care services, ensuring that every Territorian can receive comprehensive physical, emotional, and spiritual support at the end of life. Every life has value until its natural end, and our laws should reflect that commitment.

For these reasons, I ask the Committee to reject the proposal to legislate for Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory.

Sincerely,

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