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I urge the NT Government to NOT endorse legislation to allow Voluntary Assisted Dying. If passed, I am concerned that the door would be opened for wrongful manipulation of the patient for the benefit of those who would profit by the death of the patient.

How could a patient be protected from coercion by relatives or other people who stand to gain by the death of the patient?

What would be the difference between VAD and suicide? How would insurance companies respond in such a case?

How would the legal system deal with challenges that could be brought from anyone questioning if the decision for VAD had been genuinely made by the person, now deceased?

As a Christian and believer in God, I believe that it is best to leave God in charge of the timing of an individual's death, even though there is pain and suffering, which can be minimised with appropriate medication and care.

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