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To those considering VAD legislation in the NT

With this email I would like to log my **OPPOSITION to VAD**.

Primary Reason:

I believe people who are suffering need COMFORT and CARE, not VAD.

I believe COMFORT and CARE should offer the very best Medical and Paramedical resources available.

I believe this is in keeping with the role of these professions - to give the utmost value and dignity to human life.

This does not mean prolonging life in futile circumstances. But it does mean NOT HASTENING death.

Secondary Reasons:

I am concerned about the **reputation of our health care institutions** in the eyes of communities and society - if they became places where death was "on offer".

I am concerned about people who express the desire to die in circumstances other than end-stage terminal illness (**suicidality**) - the "slippery slope" suite of arguments.

I am concerned about **imagined or implied suggestion to vulnerable people** that VAD is the best option.

I am concerned that VAD will **decrease our focus on comfort and care** if it becomes an alternative option.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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