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Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns on VAD.

1. *Do you support making VAD legal in the NT?* No, I'm in strong opposition to it.
2. *What eligibility criteria should a person need to meet before they can access VAD?* I don't think we need to do anything beyond what we're already doing in the area of palliative care. Palliative care access could be expanded so that more Territorians have better access.
3. *How could the NT make sure that an eligible person can access VAD in a safe and effective way, including people living in remote areas and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?* There is no 'safe' way to kill someone. The two are antithetical to one another.
4. *How could the NT monitor the process to ensure VAD is delivered safely and effectively?* The NT gov should take no part in killing its citizens. How can a government ensure that it's 'voluntary and informed'? How can safety measures be reliably put in place to protect against the pressure, malicious or otherwise, that is brought to bear on vulnerable people at the end of their life?

Thank you for the opportunity. However, I fear that the decision is already made, and that we're just working out the details.

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My regular day off is Wednesday

(Personally, I'd prefer a phone call or a text message to an email. I've found we can sort things out much more quickly that way).