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Committee Secretary, Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
Department of the Senate, PO Box 6100  
Parliament House, CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to recommend the passage of Senator Brown's Bill for the restoring of the rights of the Northern Territory, the A.C.T. and Norfolk Island and hope the government will enact the legislation which will allow terminally ill people to finish life as they see fit.

It was a sad day when the Federal Parliament overturned the Northern Territory's Euthanasia Laws Act 1997 and ignored the decision of the Territory's democratically elected representatives. Furthermore, I strongly believe in the right of people to make their own choice about euthanasia or abortion. If people believe otherwise nobody is forcing them to act in a way that that they disagree with. However, they should not force their point of views upon other people.

I therefore hope that the right of a terminally ill person to request assistance from a medically qualified person to voluntarily terminate his or her life in a humane manner will be supported. We would not treat our animals the way we sometimes treat our terminally ill people. Unfortunately medical advances have been wonderful for most people but have not always been a blessing for the terminally ill whose life sometimes has been prolonged unnecessarily with lots of suffering.

I have read that 78% of the Australian population support euthanasia. I thought government was meant to support the reasonable views of the majority. I know the Howard government did not support the latter but I hope the Rudd government will support me and many other people in our legal right to die with dignity.

I look forward to a new Euthanasia Act which will allow **all** Australians to choose the right to die with dignity if they so wish.

Yours sincerely

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