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Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN)

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Inquiry into the Rights of the Terminally III(Euthanasia Laws Repeal)Bill 2008

## Committee Secretary

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs Department of the Senate PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Australia

Dear Committee Secretary,

I wish to make a submission in support of the Euthanasia Laws Repeal Bill 2008.

The Euthanasia Laws Act 1997 to allow Northern Territory, ACT and Norfolk Island to make legislation for people who are terminally ill was a just act and reflected the wishes of 80% of our population. The legal right to die with dignity is of utmost concern and surely democratic.

It is not democratic that a minority can outdo a majority .

The arguments I could use have been presented by the score. I would be willing to "give evidence" to the inquiry from my personal and community experience.

My beloved husband is an Alzheimers sufferer. We have discussed life and death when he was in the early stage of his disease. I promised he would never have to be in a nursing home away from me. He wishes that when I judge that it is time to go, ie when our lives are no longer comfortable and happy, that I will find a way for him to go. It is our democratic right and should be a legal act. Our children acknowledge his wish.

Sincerely,

