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**INQUIRY INTO THE RIGHTS OF THE TERMINALLY ILL (EUTHANASIA LAWS REPEAL) BILL 2008**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a written submission to this Inquiry.

I was one of many who made a submission to your committee on 9 December 1996 when the Euthanasia Laws Bill was then being considered. My views have not changed since, except to be more definite about the need to support the current Repeal bill before the present inquiry.

After moving from Canberra to the Central Coast of NSW I have taken on the voluntary position of convenor of the local members of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society of New South Wales.

While our members recognise that the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008 does not directly affect our own rights in New South Wales, we hope that its passage, which would have the effect of reinstating the Northern Territory legislation of 1995, will encourage the granting of similar rights of voluntary euthanasia in our State.

Yours sincerely

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