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Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
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**Submission re: Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008**

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the above-mentioned Bill.

I believe it was a wrong and most undemocratic act of the Howard Government to override the Northern Territory's Voluntary Euthanasia law for what seems to me to be purely religious reasons. We are supposed to have freedom of religion in this country. Surely this means that we should not have to endure having another's religious imposed on us which is effectively what happened to the Northern Territorians.

The choice to die under the Territory's law was just that – a choice. Those who do not support voluntary euthanasia would not make that choice but they should not have the right to impose their beliefs on others.

I ask the commission to recommend the passage of Senator Brown's Bill.

Yours sincerely

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