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Dear Sir

Submission: Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008

I write in support of the above Bill. The Euthanasia Laws Act undermined due democratic process when it overturned the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act over a decade ago. Not only were suffering individuals who had already qualified under this Act denied the right to a peaceful death, but the opportunity was lost to evaluate, on a small scale, an important social reform which was bolstered by transparency of process and comprehensive safeguards. Not only were people of the Northern Territory denied their democratic rights, but the federal legislation also prevented other territories from ever enacting voluntary euthanasia legislation.

Eighty per cent of Australians support law reform to allow choice for voluntary euthanasia with appropriate safeguards. I urge members to support the Bill introduced by Senator Bob Brown.

Yours faithfully

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