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To: Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Voluntary euthanasia

Attention Mr Peter Hallahan.

Dear Mr Hallahan,

We are an elderly couple, aged 85 and 82.

A few years ago we witnessed the disgusting delegalisation of voluntary euthanasia laws in the Northern Territory.

If it is true that polls show that the majority of Australians are in favour of Voluntary Euthanasia for the terminally ill, governments have been in breach of democratic principles in making assistance or even presence during such a humane act illegal.

Voluntary euthanasia cannot be stopped, thus the laws criminalise individuals whose lives have become so unbearable that they have to break them.. And they severely punish anyone who is present or perceived to have been of assistance.

The wealthy may travel overseas and illegally bring back drugs that ensure a quick and painless end. Or find their final release in foreign lands where euthanasia is legal. What about the poor ?

We seek your fair-minded assistance on this very important issue. Please remember that, as longevity becomes more common, an ever growing number of senior citizens will be affected

Yours sincerely George and Rose Franco.