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I understand that the committee addressing the above topic will:

- (1) assess the practices currently being utilised within the medical community to assist a person to exercise their preferences for the way they want to manage their end of life, including the role of palliative care;
- (2) review the current framework of legislation, proposed legislation and other relevant reports and materials in other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions; and
- (3) consider what type of legislative change may be required, including an examination of any federal laws that may impact such legislation.

With respect to (1) above, I ask the committee to take into account my submission below:

I am 73 years old living with my wife of 49 years and both of us are in good health.

I assume that like most people, I sometimes think about the possible ways that my life will end and it seems to me that it is quite possible that my life will end under medical and/or palliative care. If the stage is then reached that I am in pain or discomfort and I have little or no chance of recovery and face a lingering death then I would wish my life to be painlessly ended with medical assistance.

I understand that under current law, such medical assistance is illegal and therefore my wish would be denied. I think that the law should be changed to enable my deeply held wishes to be met.

Yours sincerely

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