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Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the sections of the new Act associated with my role in Palliative Care. I am afraid the survey did not enable me to provide any feedback regarding this.

There is very little mention of palliative care in the Exposure Draft of the Bill for the new Act. Aged Care Facilities currently appear to palliate very poorly, with a large number of people transferred out of their homes (including residential aged care facilities) and into hospital for end of life care even if their individual preference is to die at home. I note that there is small mention of equitable access to palliative care and that registered providers must provide arrangements for the planning and delivery of palliative care. In my opinion, this will not enable a person's right to die at home (where ever they classify home as). The Act also does not mention access to Voluntary Assisted Dying or even cross reference the current State VAD Acts. I would like to see more emphasis on supporting all aged care providers to facilitate death in place of choice. I would also like to see the rights of all people under the new Act to access VAD if they meet their State based requirements to be made clear.

I am happy to provide further information or comments if requested.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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