

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Petition: Repeal Section 50A of the Northern
Territory (Self Government) Act 1978 to
allow the NT to enact laws dealing with
voluntary assisted dying**

REASONS In 1997, the Commonwealth Parliament inserted a clause into the ACT and NT's Self-Government Acts which states that these two jurisdictions have no power to make laws with respect to voluntary assisted dying.

This is unfair and unreasonable - and increasingly untenable - as states around the country are passing legislation in this area. Territory citizens are being denied their democratic rights and are disadvantaged on the basis of where they live. This situation should not be allowed to persist. The citizens of the Northern Territory deserve the same rights as any other Australian.

REQUEST We therefore ask the House to give back to the Northern Territory the right to enact laws dealing with voluntary assisted dying.

The Petitioners respectfully request the House to repeal section 50A of the Northern Territory (Self Government) Act 1978 so as to allow the NT Legislature to enact laws dealing with voluntary assisted dying.

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