Submission to the Senate Committee inquiring into the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008

The Committee of Darwin Senior Citizens Inc wish to express our strong support for Senator Brown's bill. Grateful though we are for the palliative care available, especially in Darwin, these Territorians would like to have the option of voluntary euthanasia again. The passage of this bill would redress the injustice done to Australians who happen to live in a territory, instead of a state, by returning to the legislative assemblies the right to make euthanasia laws if they see fit. It may have been only the Northern Territory whose law was overturned but the people of three territories became second-class citizens twelve years ago. We deserve better. Please pass Senator Brown's bill and return the self-government act to its original form.

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