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## **Conscience vote on ACT and NT assisted dying laws morally right**

Whilst FamilyVoice is opposed to ‘forced assisted dying’ laws, it welcomes the conscience vote on this issue by the new government.

FamilyVoice wrote to all Territory government representatives at the territory and federal level urging them to adopt a conscience vote on the forced assisted dying laws. There are numerous Indigenous, Catholic, and other faith MPs who would find a mandatory direction to vote along party lines an anathema to their beliefs and culture.

A recent visit to central Australia showed the ongoing opposition to voluntary assisted dying by indigenous communities,” said Greg Bondar, FamilyVoice spokesman.

FamilyVoice has opposed VAD legislation Australia-wide as it makes a mockery of trying to prevent suicide by those most vulnerable in our community such as the lonely, elderly and the youth.

“We urge all MPs to reject the bill to overturn a federal ban on the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory passing voluntary assisted dying laws by voting with their conscience,” added Bondar.

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