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## **Feds should intervene on death laws**

Christian advocacy group FamilyVoice Australia is urging Federal Parliament to protect young and vulnerable residents of the Australian Capital Territory from harmful euthanasia proposals.

FamilyVoice spokesman David d'Lima has urged Federal Parliament to warn the Australian Capital Territory that any legislation allowing minor children to access euthanasia will be overturned by the Commonwealth.

“It’s outrageous for the ACT government even to contemplate granting euthanasia to vulnerable people as young as fourteen,” David d’Lima said.

“The Commonwealth created the Australian Capital Territory and must be ready to use its powers to overturn any emerging legislation that would bring harm to young and vulnerable people.

FamilyVoice has raised its concerns after the federal Minister of Finance minister Katy Gallagher, who previously served as Chief Minister of the ACT, said the job for the Commonwealth government was to remove the restrictions on the Territory government.

FamilyVoice rejects that view.

“The ACT Parliament lacks an upper house, and as a creation of the Commonwealth it should be subject to federal supervision if it goes down the path of enabling minors to access lethal injections,” David d’Lima said.

“The problem of youth suicide will not be solved if young people gain access to euthanasia.”

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