



**ACT**  
Government



# Help for dying people

## Have your say

**ACT Government**



**Easy English**

## Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about
- find more information.



We will write contact information at the end of this book.



## About this book

This book is from the ACT Government.



Some topics in this book might make you feel sad or upset.

You can talk to someone if you feel sad or upset.



## You can have your say

This book is about a new **law** to help people who are dying.

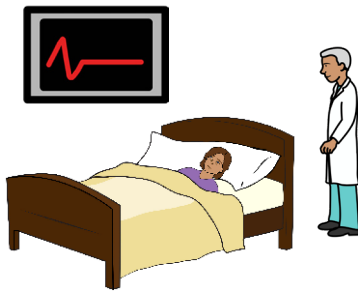
A law is a rule.



You can

- help us make the new law
- tell us what you think.





## What is the new law about?

The new law is about  
**voluntary assisted dying.**

Voluntary assisted dying is when a person gets  
help to die

- when they want to
- how they want to.

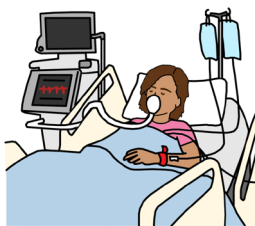
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## Why do we need the new law?

Many people **suffer** when they are

- very ill
- about to die.



Suffer means you feel lots of pain.

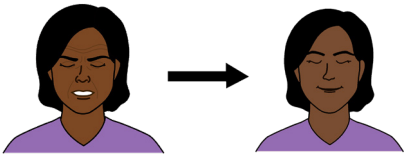


A person who suffers might

- be very upset that they will die



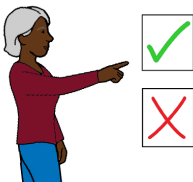
- feel a lot of pain in their body.



The new law wants to help people suffer **less** when they die.



People can get help to die how they want to in other places.



We also want to give some people this choice.

## What do we want to change?

We want to allow some very ill people  
to choose

- when they die
- how they die
- a person to help them
  - for example, a doctor.

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**Not** everyone will be able to get help to die.

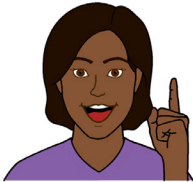


Some people will be able to get medicine that  
helps them die how they want to.

## We want to hear from you



Everyone can help us make the new law.



You can tell us

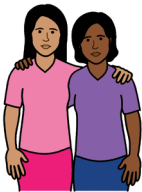
- your ideas on voluntary assisted dying



- what you think the law should say.



You can also ask a person you trust to help you have your say.



A person you trust could be

- a friend



- a family member



- a support worker.

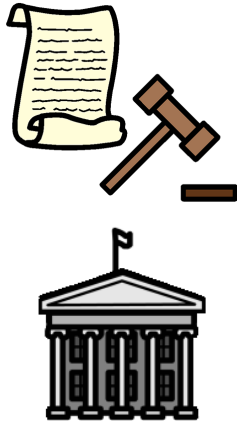
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After everyone has had a say, we will read what people think.



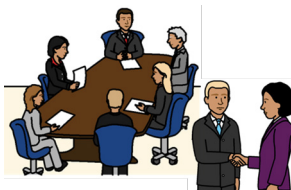
We will also ask experts what they think.  
For example, doctors.



Later this year we will

- write the new law
- send the new law to the **ACT parliament**.

The ACT parliament is a group of people who make laws in the ACT.



If parliament says **yes**, the new law can start.





## More information

You can read more on our website.

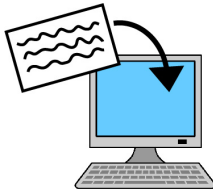


Website [YourSay.act.gov.au/vad](https://YourSay.act.gov.au/vad)



## How can you have your say?

You can tell us what you think in an email.



Email [VADsubmissions@act.gov.au](mailto:VADsubmissions@act.gov.au)

## If you need help to find information



Our team at Access Canberra can help you.

Call 13 22 81



## **If you feel sad and upset**

### **Lifeline**

Lifeline can help you if you worry about your life.



Call            13 11 14

### **Griefline**

Griefline can help you if you feel sad and worried because someone is dying.



Call            1300 845 745

## **If you do not speak English**



Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS.



Call            131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.



## If you need help to speak or listen

The National Relay Service can help you make a phone call.

Call            1800 555 660

Website    [bit.ly/nrs-helpdesk](http://bit.ly/nrs-helpdesk)

Give the relay officer the phone number you want to call.

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