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RIGHT OF THE TERMINALLY ILL ACT
REV. DR. DJINIYINI GONDARRA O.A.M.

I wish to make it very clear at the Yolngu's (Aboriginal people of Arnhem Land) rejection of this Act based on our **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW** (Madayin) which forbids deliberate taking of a life of another person by any means, voluntary or otherwise, other than as a sanction (punishment) at law carried out under a court order by the proper authorities.

This Act which allows for a person to administer a lethal injection to another at their request, is seen as breaking our law and is illegal. The persons who administer the lethal injection are law breakers, 'murderers', at Yolngu law.

I urge the Northern Territory Parliament to listen to the voice of Aboriginal people who make up more than 25% of the population and pass Neil Bell's Bill to repeal the Act.

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