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Dear Ms Hywood

Re: Resolution of Seventeenth Session of the General Synod Assisted Dying

Thank you for your letter dated 21 September 2017 to the Hon Michael Gunner MLA, Chief Minister for the Northern Territory. Your letter has been forwarded to the Department of Health for response.

I acknowledge the concerns and terms of the General Synod's resolution on assisted dying. The care that people receive in the last stages of their lives can minimise the distress and grief associated with death and dying for both the individual, and their family, friends and carers. Health service providers recognise the discussions and support needed by individuals with a life limiting trajectory.

Access to quality palliative care for all Territorians is a key health service commitment so they can live well to the end of life, as close to home as possible. Territory Palliative Care provides palliative care services across NT and operates a stand-alone Palliative care unit in Darwin. A new Palliative care facility is being built in Alice Springs to open in January 2018.

Thank you again for your advice of the resolution by the General Synod.

Yours sincerely



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