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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Bill.

Feedback from the Tasmanian Branch Committee of the PSA indicates that on the whole the Bill seems reasonable.

We are however concerned about how the register of ACDs would be maintained and accessed by institutions and relevant health professionals when needed? If a person has capacity they can make a decision each time health care is needed. It is when they don't that these come into play and then someone needs to know it exists to be able to use it effectively to meet the persons desires for care.

The provisions that note this 35B 35O onwards and 35Q&R are the most relevant – for pharmacists that might mean aged care facilities would need to notify the pharmacy doing reviews what the ACD involved that might be medication related. It gets difficult because medications for preventive health vs palliation become complex from a deprescribing perspective and may not be detailed in any way that is useful for persons with limited capacity ensuring we meet 35r1a&b and the principles of 35B. Examples might be prescribing of antibiotics – when and where might an advance care directive say yes or no... could be for palliative relief (UTI) vs curative goal (pneumonia on top of influenza in someone who is very frail).

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