

**Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021**

**Submission No.:** 1  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** The request and assessment process  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I am concerned at the responsibility being placed on medical staff to play God. To decide if the patient really does want to end their life and also if the client is clear thinking in their decision added to the follow on effect after is incredibly horrible. If this bill is accepted there will be repercussions for both medical staff and family or loved ones related to the deceased. Personally I experienced extreme pain and at the time genuinely wanted to die to end the pain. I am so thankful that no-one followed through with putting me out of my pain through ending my life voluntarily/suicide. I survived the stroke and miraculously have recovered. I would not have seen my children grow up if someone had decided with me it was better to end my life early. I know it costs the government money to fund pain relief and high care to those who are dying but providing these needs can help not only the person who is dying but give time for family and friends to say goodbye. I have just witnessed this with my Aunt who suffered greatly. When she did die, her family were ready to let her go and she went to sleep naturally and peacefully. Humans are not able to make such a huge decision because we do not know the future and the importance of every moment in a person's life - in sickness and in health!!! This has greatly saddened my heart for those who support this cold and callous bill. Take care of the sick and ease their pain with drugs and other comfort but let them die in their own time.