

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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All such legislation sends the suggestion - you are a burden to the community, to you family. This is already a sad problem, when the reverse should be the case. In my visits to old age facilities, over 30 years, I have heard this very sad comment from residents.

Safeguards and protections in such legislation are always undermined, extended, widened and/or ignored.

Such legislation is always only the tip of the iceberg and over time, merely becomes protection for those who would have a person euthanatised.

All people are children of God and are treasures to the planet and should be treated as such - under all circumstances.

Every person should be encouraged to live a full life or as full as is possible and in dire circumstances provided with every comfort and security and love and protection.

Already there is the availability of drugs to control pain and to help mental and physical wellbeing.

Already, in Queensland, there is the possibility that such drugs may be what actually terminates the life of some, in the process of medical help. There is no need for legislation in such matters. The Catholic Church does not object to this scenario, while She objects to assisted suicide as proposed by this evil legislation.

Euthanasia, like abortion, undermines the medical profession who are supposed to be available to treat illness and to save lives - NOT to undermine the patient's composure and or to dispose of the patient!

What I have mentioned above is not something unknown - we perceive it in other nations who have gone through this scenario already. Therefore, we know that such legislation, if it is accepted, will be so accepted by members of parliament who KNOW what they are doing and so, voters will KNOW that their representatives acted with full knowledge of what this is all about.