

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Submission No.: 4
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Position: I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill
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Submitter Comments:

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Opponents of this bill claim that all can be addressed by the palliative care 'process'. This 'process' saw my mum starve and dehydrate to death over eight days of forced 'coma'. A 'coma' that she could feel everything. She moaned in pain with every turn which is required to alleviate bed sores every four hours. The Director of this facility claimed that she could not feel anything however moaning in pain is feeling. She was administered a drug that prevented her from remembering this 'process' but having been there for the whole time - I will never forget it.

I'm so scarred and traumatised from this 'process' and my mum passed with no dignity.

She probably would not have accepted VAD for herself, however at least she would have had a choice.

Those that feel palliative care will assist - drugs are administered incrementally. My mum apparently had enough to kill two men but unless you knew her then you would know what kind of a strong optimist she was.

Instead of prolonging a good life without this law there is prolonging of suffering as death was inevitable given her condition.

I urge you to consider dignity and as little suffering as possible first.

Sincerely,

Davina Filie"