

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

**Submission No.:** 17  
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**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Other  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I believe God is a caring loving God who gave us the ability and right of free will. VAD is going us our right to make an informed knowing choice to end of life, our suffering, our pain in a human and dignified way. It enables family to be with us and limits the possibility of dying alone as they couldn't get there or stay any longer. It may reduce the emotional and economic impact on family continually running back and forward as it is happening this time. It doesn't increase the number of people dying, we already are, it isn't suicide, we love life but we choice quality over quantity. Yes, I'm dying, as is my son and I have watched love ones too. Pls don't make us go through unnecessary pain, God sent us people with gifts that ease our journey to him, let's honour these gifts. Please