

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

**Submission No.:** 22  
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**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill but recommend some changes to it.  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\*  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

As someone who has struggled with a chronic medical condition for 16 years, I believe that non-terminal medical conditions should be considered eligible for assisted dying if such a medical condition is significantly impacting that person's quality of life.

Assisted dying is about helping people find a more peaceful ending to their life when their quality of life has significantly deteriorated. This curtesy should be extended to people with non-terminal medical issues if their quality of life is just as dissatisfactory.

As valuable as life is, the quality of life is even more valuable and people should not be forced to suffer.

I personally view the right to have access to something like assisted dying or euthanasia, and thereby being able to choose life or death for oneself as possibly the most basic human right anyone could have. No one should be able to tell you when you get to call it a day.