

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

**Submission No.:** 31  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities, Other  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

Freedom of religion means that privately run public hospitals, whatever their religious background, need to respect the religious or non-religious beliefs of their patients. This means that whatever the religious background of the hospital, they need to allow VAD to happen in their hospitals.

The vast majority of persons who will access VAD have had their life extended by modern science/medicine. This is not about the ending of a natural life as much as giving people the control to end their extended life in more caring ways.