

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I wish to support the passage of the VAD Bill. I am a GP who has watched helplessly as so many patients have suffered miserable and undignified deaths. Palliative care is important but is only effective to a point. It does not fully alleviate the suffering-mental and physical - of those very close to death. The patients suffer and so do their loved ones. There must be a choice. There really is no cogent argument against it -only the religious dogma. These laws exist in many other legislatures and work effectively with no evidence of abuse.

I have also experienced first hand the death of my beloved mother, Ann, from lung cancer and shrink in horror when I think of her last hours, unnecessary and hopeless, not knowing if she was suffering horribly. She did not deserve that. It should not happen in a civilised society. The lack of choice for VAD amounts to elder abuse.

PLEASE AID THE BILLS PASSAGE AND GIVE PEOPLE THE CHOICE

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