

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

**Submission No.:** 39  
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**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Other  
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**Submitter Comments:**

Dear Committee, at 75 yrs, I am at an age where a number of my friends and wider family had died experiencing Palliative Care. Of 4 cases with which I was closely associated 3 were good or just OK but the 4th was terrible where the sufferer felt that her only way out of the pain was suicide. She was successful on her 4th attempt and her husband came home from the supermarket to find she had hanged herself.

The well meaning but naive believe that palliative care works for everyone. I have a daughter in Sydney that is under the top pain neuro specialists at Macquarie University Hospital. She has an implant in her back with wires attached to nerve endings, a battery and an external remote control. She has 4-6 pain attacks each day where her whole body convulses. - Not a little shake Convulses! even given the schedule 13 drugs at maximum dose. So even with the top pain specialists, pain cannot always be arrested!

Like most non religious citizens, I don't attempt to put my beliefs on them and likewise, I object to people with fervent religious belief dictating to and effecting me or my friends and family. So please pass this Bill. If people don't want to participate, they don't have to, but don't dictate my agency over my life.

Regards,