

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

**Submission No.:** 50  
**Submitted by:** [REDACTED]  
**Publication:** Keeping the submission and your name confidential  
**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities, Other  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

The premature or 'voluntary' ending of a life through assisted suicide is not something I support in any way or for any reason. Suicide, with or without the assistance of a medical professional should not be the path our society chooses as a valid or acceptable course of action. This is morally wrong, and contradicts the ethical basis for which doctors provide services to their patients. Forcing doctors through legislation to assist in a suicide - against their own conscience - is also morally reprehensible, and should not go ahead. Surely the QLD lawmakers remember, as I do, how monstrous the "doctor" [REDACTED] in the Northern Territory appeared (and was rightly portrayed in the media) for assisting people to commit suicide in the mid-90s. Forcing unwilling doctors to repeat his actions is morally and ethically abhorrent.

Rather than helping people commit suicide, the funding and focus of our medical resources should be expanded in the area of palliative care to help make those who are dying more comfortable and able to spend time with loved ones.

If we are serious about sending a message to young people (or any other age group) that suicide is never an option they should consider, then we should not send the message to "old" or terminally ill people that suicide is an option that is supported by the medical community and the government. Please remove, delete, and never revisit this bill. Suicide, assisted or un-, should never be condoned or supported in Australian society.