

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

After witnessing the slow, progressive and painful deaths of my mother and mother-in-law, I wholeheartedly support the idea of voluntary euthanasia.

My mother had bowel cancer and after a strong fight she was ready to pass away (physically, mentally and emotionally). However her death did not come for another agonising two weeks, which could have been avoided if this bill had been introduced.

My mother in law battled a painful and progressive rare autoimmune condition, which caused immense pain and suffering and limited any quality of life or dignity. Sheard her family too could have been saved the prolonged trauma of having to be totally incapacitated (no speech, unable to eat, unable to move herself, and in constant pain with limited ability to communicate this), whilst awaiting her passing. We knew for many years that her condition would slowly deteriorate, yet she had no power or options.