

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

**Submission No.:** 70  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I wish to advise the Committee of my strong stand against the proposed Bill in regard to assisted dying. We live in an age where we can have administered drugs given to those unfortunately having a terminal illness, to lessen the pain that they suffer. There are dangers when we, or the sufferer, wish to take the matter of ending our lives into our own hands. The restrictions in the Bill of restrictions on Doctor's saying "No" to a request for assisted dying, seems morally wrong & places extra stress on our Medical profession. As a Christian, I believe that it is up to God when our lives should end. Just as we hold suicide as a curse, that seems very prevalent in our modern age & a tragedy for society in general, so we should have a similar, but more caring attitude to those in the midst of pain. To look for another means of overcoming that dreadful feeling of only death will end this, can be a curse in itself. With the advances that medicine has made in recent years, suffering people have to be shown a better way, that may relieve but also provide the natural progression of death naturally. Please give this your serious consideration, as this Bill may bring judgment on all our heads if it passes in our Parliament. May God give guidance!