

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Position: I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill
Comments in relation to: Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities
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Submitter Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

I'd like to inform you that I am strongly opposed to the Voluntary Assisted Dying 2021 Bill.

There is no real provision for conscientious objection, as any doctor or nurse who objects to being part of the euthanasia process must refer the patient to another health professional who will facilitate the person's death.

Section 84 (2) states that a registered health practitioner who, because of a conscientious objection, refuses to do a thing mentioned in subsection (1) for a person seeking information or assistance about voluntary assisted dying, must (a) inform the person that other health practitioners, health service providers or services may be able to assist the person; and (b) give the person (i) information about a health practitioner, health service provider or service who, in the practitioner's belief, is likely to be able to assist the person; or (ii) the details of an official voluntary assisted dying care navigator service that is able to provide the person with information (including name and contact details) about a health practitioner, health service provider or service who may be able to assist the person.

Section 98 says if you choose not to deliver the service, you must publish information so that assisted suicide is an option.

It is wrong to force health practitioners to participate in the intentional killing of human beings when they have specifically taken an oath to "do no harm." Killing is not care!