

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

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**Submitter Comments:**

As a woman in my seventies My greatest fear is not dying. What I am afraid of is living incapacitated, in constant pain or unable to see or communicate with my family . In other words with no possible hope of an enjoyable or productive life.

This is not living but merely being alive in a manner that is miserable for everyone.

My mother died from motor neurone disease in pain with shingles . She begged us to end her life but instead all we could do was watch and weep as one would a family member being slowly tortured.

The trauma of that has stayed with me for thirty years and I would do anything to prevent my family from having to go through the same thing.