

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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To The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk,

I write to you on behalf of my congregation on a matter of significant concern. Namely, the 'Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021' that has been tabled in the Queensland Parliament.

I want to be upfront in calling this Bill out for what it is, namely, undeniably evil. Granted, the State Government has no rational categories for evil, the state has no higher law than themselves, and so inclines toward pragmatic public policy and the whims of the majority. I'll use an example from the Bill itself to highlight that the state has no categories for good and evil. Consider the words of 2.5.a "human life is of fundamental importance." On what foundation can a state that teaches evolution in schools and aborts (murders) babies, say that anything is important? Without an eternal perspective, life can only ever be said to be ultimately meaningless, and the worldview that naturally follows is of death and destruction, as evidenced by this Bill!

Only the theist, and especially those of a Judeo-Christian background make such a claim as "human life is of fundamental importance." The Christian has an authority higher than the state, and that authority tells us that man and woman are "made in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27). Life is important, not because the state says it's important, but because God says life is important. God also tells us that he numbers our days (Psalm 139:16) and that suffering is an important part of life. Let me quote from 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 so that you can see the incredible perspective that the Christian has on suffering:

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

The Christian has an incredible perspective on suffering, that it shouldn't be avoided or that life shouldn't be ended prematurely, but endured for the sake of our King.

But back to my original point. Euthanasia is evil, and all who are complicit in the passing of this bill will be held accountable by a just and holy God. That day of judgement will be so terrifying that the Apostle John records it like this (Revelation 6:15-17):

Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

But can I encourage you, there is still hope for those who oppose this King. Namely, Jesus Christ, the perfect son of God, who endured the greatest suffering and was put to death under state sanctioned murder. Why did our perfect savior give his life? The Apostle Paul explains it like this(2 Corinthians 5:21),

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Namely, Christ has taken sin upon himself, so that sinful people might become righteous in the sight of God. You can be forgiven!

I would call on the state to scrap this evil Bill. I would also implore you, as the reader of this letter, to turn to Jesus Christ, the perfect son of God, who died for sin, and was raised to new life. Turn to him as the only hope you have in this life and the next.

May you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Tim Grant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Grant', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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