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**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
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To all Politicians

I hope you will read the safeguards in the proposed Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill and also read some of the five thousand submissions presented to the health committee to see the suffering experiences of many people.

I have never before voted for labor but I have to confess that in the last election I did! Simply because the LNP was not in favour of this Bill. There was a huge swing from older people towards Labor for this reason. PLEASE DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE VALUE OF SUPPORTING VAD. This is why the Labor party won the election. It had very little to do with the Premier's effort to control Covid, which was only just beginning to rear its ugly head. There was a concerted effort by those wanting this bill to urge people not to vote for any politician who did not support VAD.

Remember that up to and over 80% of people want to have a choice in how they die.

Your vote will count! Please consider the suffering of some people at the end of their life. It is their choice (AND NO ONE ELSE CAN MAKE THAT DECISION), allow them to have a peaceful death, which is their right.

Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia (final debate next week), will all have a VAD law. DON'T LET QUEENSLAND BE THE ONLY STATE NOT TO HAVE ONE. With a majority in favour in every electorate, NSW will almost certainly bring in their law at the end of this year. The Federal government is being strongly debated at the moment to overturn the Andrew's Bill to allow Territories to have a debate on this issue.

I'm begging you - PLEASE CONSIDER your constituents when making your vote. Don't vote according to your own conscience.

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