

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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There is overwhelming public support for assisted dying laws. Will you respect our wishes?

My friends who needed this voluntary assisted dying law ended their lives a few months ago on Easter Sunday by running their vehicle into a tree [REDACTED]. They did not want to end their days with deteriorating health with terminal illnesses and increasing pain and did not want to inflict this on their children as well.

I don't want to either. If this pandemic and recent enquiry into Aged Care have taught us anything, it is that elderly people and terminal ill people should have the choice to end their lives in a civilised way without the fear of having to go into Aged Care where their pain and wishes will be ignored.

When my Mother was in Aged Care, I had to insist on many occasions that she be given the pain relief she was entitled to and to fulfil the promise that I had given her that she would have no pain. Who is going to make sure that I will have someone to make sure I am similarly cared for?

I also don't want to lie in a bed for months like my Mother suffering in pain, incontinent and slowly losing every ounce of weight and dignity before choking with pneumonia and dying a horrible death. I shouldn't have to drive myself into a tree, traumatising the emergency workers as well as friends and family, just so I can end my life on my terms.

I am asking you to vote in favour of the proposed voluntary assisted dying laws.