

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Position: I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill but recommend some changes to it.
Comments in relation to: Eligibility criteria*
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Submitter Comments:

I have seen first hand what Dementia and Alzheimer's have done to my family and what it could do to my future family.

Seeing my grandma struggle to remember or find joy in her day to day life was horrible and deeply saddening, seeing her get to the point where she refused to eat and take water because she was ready to give up will stay with me forever.

I do not want that for myself, when it comes time for me, I'd like to be able to have more options, I'd like to leave on my terms and not in a confused and frustrated way. I hope the eligibility criteria can be opened and expanded to include a loss in quality of life, I should be able to choose when I've had enough, I want to choose to leave this earth on my terms and of sound mind. I refuse to be a burden on anyone or on any health system.

I will never have children and will never have someone to look after me when I'm old. And I think that needs to be considered.