

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

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**Submitter Comments:**

I support the Voluntary assisted Dying Bill in its present form because I support any legislation which will provide end of life choices for people to die in peace and dignity where death is relatively imminent and unavoidable/unpreventable. I believe the proposed safeguards to be adequate.

I watched my father die slowly in misery over a 3 week period with pain, much discomfort, complete lack of peace and dignity, and extremely anguished over his situation. In his lifetime he had made clear his wishes for a quick and easy death. He clutched my hand while he was dying and begged me to kill him. After 16 years I still feel the horror at his drawn-out death and terrible guilt over my cowardice in not helping him die for fear of criminal conviction.

My husband's brother died of cancer and was pre-warned by the medical people that this particular death would be bad. He died screaming because none of the pain medications were working.

Why do we force people to suffer unnecessarily?

Surely our country is sufficiently civilised to enable legislation that will provide us all with the option of a compassionate death at an appropriate time of our choosing so that the last thing we do in this life (to die) is calm, peaceful and dignified.