

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I believe the most fundamental of human rights is the right of a person to decide that their life is not worth living anymore and to end their life on their own terms and in a dignified manner of their own choosing.

I believe it is not the concern of the following people in deciding when, and how, my life should end:- politicians, religious people, medical people, do-gooders, or, indeed anyone else. I believe it is a purely personal and voluntary decision by the person involved. I believe it is utterly arrogant of anybody to suggest that they know better about the quality of my life than I do.

I believe that a person reaching a stage of their life which they consider to be unsustainable, unenjoyable, and really not worth living, should, as is their choice, have facilities available to them, such as palliative care, appropriate medical care, aged care facilities, etc. BUT they should also have the facility to call it quits when they so choose, and by whatever method they so choose, for example a lethal dose of [REDACTED] It should not be necessary to travel to Switzerland to achieve this result.

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Really, nobody else needs to be involved, unless they choose to do so with the permission of the person who is ending their life, for example the local doctor or the local preacher.

I believe this is a matter of choice, MY CHOICE, not the choice of somebody else who has nothing to do with my life, for example politicians, who mostly seem to have some religious axe to grind, and impose their ridiculous religious views on me [REDACTED]