

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

**Submission No.:** 171  
**Submitted by:** [REDACTED]  
**Publication:** Making the submission public but withholding your name  
**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities, Oversight and review, Other  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I ask that the Committee recommend that the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 be passed by parliament in September in its current form.

As a daughter who witnessed her mother die slowly in terrible pain from pancreatic cancer in December 2020, I can only wish that my mother had the option to die with dignity and without such dreadful suffering. She died under the care of a palliative care team who did their best with morphine and other drugs, but she still suffered physically and emotionally.

As she suffered, her family also did. I am still traumatized by what I witnessed with her death and have needed to take extensive time off work, and have needed counselling and other support to work through the trauma.

I believe the Bill has all the necessary safeguards to protect people from harm. Please give terminally ill people the opportunity to die with more dignity and less suffering if they are assessed as eligible and capable of making that decision for themselves. I sincerely hope that in future many people will not have to go through what my mother did.