

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I am suffering from MND, a truly vicious disease with no possibility of a cure. I have no choice over life or death (the disease has made that choice for me), but I would have liked the choice regarding the manner and timing of my demise. While well aware that palliative care in Queensland is second to none, it is not for me, nor would I wish my 73 year old wife to become a full time carer in the twilight of her own life, although I know that she would gladly do everything necessary. Any legislation. I know, will come too late for me. I am also well aware that Queensland traditionally, has been slow to adopt changes in life choices (the slow acceptance of gay marriage being just one example. However, I beg you to put yourself in my position for a moment and feel my despair at having the choice only to continue suffering or take my own life totally alone in order not to implicate others. No one is forcing me to end my life - it's my choice - or so it should be and not be a decision made by politicians, clergymen or other outsiders who sanctify life in any state, whether painful or pleasurable. I would surely be prosecuted if I kept my dog in such conditions.