

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

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**Submitter Comments:**

I feel it is about time that Queensland is not left behind in giving people a choice in the way they die. Other states have passed the legislation already. The Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation is not forcing people who are against it to be euthanised. People who are in favour should be able to make that choice. My mother died a horrible death. At the end of her life her body broke down bit by bit. It must have been so scary for her. That is not what I want for myself or others. Let people who choose for VAD have a humane death without suffering lots of pain over a protracted period of time.

I know there is palliative care and palliative sedation but due to lack of funding that is not available for everyone. I hope the government can pass legislation that allows people to choose for VAD. It's about time.