

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

The Queensland Government will be spending Billions if it wins the 2032 Olympic Games bid but is unable to provide adequate Palliative care for those who are dying, it would seem proposing to put them to sleep instead.

Medical Authorities consider a duty of care more important than euthanasia and a Doctor who has faithfully looked after his patients will be obliged if required to forward a patient to a doctor who supports euthanasia even if he or she knows that it is not in the patients best interests. This goes against the conscience of a medical practitioner.

Euthanasia is open to abuse by Medical practitioners and the relatives of a person. There are undoubtedly Doctors who favour the practice and would consider they were doing a favour particularly if there is inadequate support from the State with proper medical care. Then pressure is placed on people to do what they would not otherwise consider doing. Relatives can also place expectations on older people which are not just. Then some very bad outcomes will take place.

Dutch euthanasia law requires patients to be experiencing unbearable suffering, with no prospect of improvement, and to have a voluntary, sustained wish to die; doctors must also seek a second independent opinion. From my research these Parameters are no longer in Place overseas.

There is a saying, 'Where there is a Will there is a relative.'

The fact of euthanasia being available despite the best interests of a doctor who is obliged to forward the patient to another doctor who supports the practise. The slackness that has entered the Legal and Medical establishment overseas over this practice. These are good reasons for Queensland to ignore the pleas of those who want to change the Law for their own Philosophical reasons, this is a slippery slope.