

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

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**Submitter Comments:**

While I understand that this will not suit everyone, and it will be a concern for those who are sitting on the outside looking in and never experienced the painful suffering of a loved one, we need to understand that we're voting to provide the wider a community an OPTION, and the dignity and integrity to choose a particular outcome that suits their individual needs. Just because we pass the vote doesn't mean everyone will access it - it just means we've taken into account those who need this option and have provided them an alternative to a drawn out period of pain and suffering. We need to understand we're not choosing this for others - we're providing them a choice, based on the community caring enough for others to say "we hear you, we see you, and we can help". This comes far too late for many, but it's not too late for those yet to come. Those faced with an incurable or incapacitating disease or condition who need to know they are in control of their journey, and can decide to complete their journey with dignity will be able to say "my community cares, my community helped". Let's come together as a state, and know that while the complexity of this issue is one that can have opposing sides at all times, we need to promote the idea that Queensland will always provides for its own, will stand by its own, and will care for its own, with compassion and empathy, and fortify this option to support its own through their final journey of choosing.