

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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I fully support the proposed VAD Bill. My Father served during WW11 as a navigator and pilot in the RAF, and then as an airline Captain. He was a totally aware man, and intelligent. Regrettably he developed Alzheimer's , and my Mother, in her 70's, was the sole carer as I had emigrated many years before. Eventually Dad went into hospital to give mum some respite. I think he knew he was causing her immense strain. He therefore REFUSED FOOD AND WATER and as his organs shut down he basically starved himself to death.

Such an end to life for a man who was so meticulous and decisive was demeaning and painful for my Mother. No person should need to resort to such a tactic. It was worse than being in a Japanese Prisoner of War camp.

I urge all Members of the Queensland Government to consider this sort of situation, and those when people and their loved ones suffer a lingering, slow form of death, compared to the compassion of a choice to die with Dignity.

We do not allow animals to suffer unnecessarily; so why do we treat human differently?