

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Everyone should have the right to choose to die.
No one is made to die against their will.

I had to watch my mother being starved in palliative care for 10 days before she died of dementia at 85 years old.

This was a very painful and distressing experience for me and the rest of her family which I hope she was unaware of as she was unconscious for most of the time.

She had been a very intelligent and wonderful person and this is not how she wanted her life to end. We should have been able to say goodbye to her on day 2 of palliative care as that is what she would have wanted and what all the family wanted.

Instead I had to sit by her bedside for another 8 days and listen to her laboured breathing, wondering when her last breath would be.

That was an extra 8 days of a hospital bed and resources being used by someone with no future.

I'm still so sad about my mother's last days and that I couldn't help her have a good death at the end of a fabulous life.