
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 June 2021 1:19 PM
To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - A jail term for encouraging life?

Re: Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - A jail term for encouraging life?

Dear Health and Environment Committee,

As a mum, a wife, a daughter, a teacher, a nursing student and a caring Queensland citizen, I implore you to carefully consider the repercussions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 and vote a clear no when the Bill is presented.

Unlike similar Bills in other states and territories, this Bill goes dangerously further in its proposals and will have extreme and detrimental consequences statewide for individuals, families, communities, health practitioners as well as everyday citizens of this great state.

It flays me to consider how we arrived at a place in time where everyday citizens could face a jail sentence for advocating for life! When did we become a community that advocated for and loved death so much? How can health practitioners continue to work in good conscience when they are faced with breaking the very oaths they took to care for and preserve life? What possible reason could a health practitioner have to initiate suicidal discussions? This is like a counsellor or psychologist telling a patient that they may as well end it all if that's their desire. Do you realise the incredible mental, emotional and physical damage this does to the family and friends of such a patient? Have you ever been affected by someone close to you committing suicide, Minister? Or know someone who has? It is INCREDIBLY difficult and the consequences last for a LIFETIME. Further, and ironically, why are we so intent on increasing suicide rates while we pour millions of dollars into mental health and suicide prevention? It just doesn't make any sense. Funding for quality palliative care and mental health checks is what is needed, Minister, not a way out for people to end life while the government, community, professionals and family all stand by giving people the thumbs up to enter eternity without a backward glance - how sickening!

The idea that suicide can be discussed over the phone or online is abhorrent and outright dangerous. It sounds as easy as getting a quote online or by calling a store, except that it isn't for goods or services, it is to end the sanctity of the life of a human being. That human being could be your spouse, Minister, or your best friend, or your neighbour, or your hairdresser, or your sister in law, or your brother in law, or your daughter in law, or your son in law, or your niece, or your nephew, or your child, or even your grandchild. Think about that for a moment. A young person with no one to turn to can type on a keyboard or screen as easily as I am typing this electronic letter to you, and ask for help to kill themselves. Yes, KILL themselves. This Bill is all about killing and death, and the lifelong repercussions for those left behind after someone has killed themselves are simply not being considered here. This bill is NOT just about the terminally ill, the sufferers of dementia, or the mentally ill. This Bill is about you and me - ordinary Queensland citizens who will be affected by the atrocities this Bill will bring about if legislated.

I beg you to consider the WHOLE picture of this Bill, Minister. A law such as this one has already proven incredibly dangerous and extremely sad in other countries. We have already increased homicide rates through legislating abortion. Do you really want to be a part of increasing suicide as well by voting for this Bill? I hope for your sake and mine, and the sake of all Queenslanders, Minister, that your conscience will be in good working order when it is time to vote for this Bill.

Sincerely,
Julianne Wallis



Prepared by OneClickPolitics (tm) at www.oneclickpolitics.com. OneClickPolitics provides online communications tools for supporters of a cause, issue, organization or association to contact their elected officials. For more information regarding our policies and services, please contact info@oneclickpolitics.com