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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Fwd: voluntary assisted dying bill 2021

i am an australian citizen very concerned about the implications of this bill which would allow mentally ill people to be killed. This bill also denies citizens their absolute inherent right to life in our laws that criminalise unlawful killing.

this bill is undemocratic in stating that anyone talking someone out of assisted suicide could face up to seven years in jail. what happened to freedom of speech let alone the rights of your own family to discuss the issue.

there is discrimination against faith based hospitals and nursing homes who don't advocate euthanasia also. why hasn't the queensland government committed more money to palliative care particularly after the royal commission into aged care? was that commission to be ignored? Is this attitude about not spending money on aged care?

this new bill doesn't allow patients to see a specialist in their area of suffering for their advice nor can any medical staff discuss euthanasia - so much for their democratic rights. it also doesn't allow enough mental health checks on patients which is absolutely necessary since mental health can fluctuate frequently.

the premier wants to allow suicide to be discussed over the phone or online? how callous and impersonal is that? this is a human life we're talking about.

this bill wants to legalize lies on death certificates so the truth of being euthanized is hidden and some other reason given for death. what is the agenda here?

as far as i'm aware the rule of law restricts the powers of governments and protects against the exercise of power without a lawful basis. It should promote justice, fairness and individual freedom in a civilised, democratic society.

i implore you not to pass this bill.

sincerely,
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