

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

**Submission No.:** 318  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\* ,Administration of the substance  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

"I support the draft bill.

Specifically, I support the provisions that make a person eligible for voluntary assisted dying if they are expected to die within 12 months. The 12 month period allows a person who is diagnosed with a medical condition more adequate time to apply for voluntary assisted dying than the 6 months limit in some other States' legislation.

I also strongly support the Queensland bill limiting the ability of institutions to object to voluntary assisted dying. There's evidence in Victoria that some institutions are blocking access to voluntary assisted dying. We need legislative processes to ensure that eligible patients' access to voluntary assisted dying is not unreasonably hindered by institutional objections.

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