

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

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**Submitter Comments:**

"Thanks for the chance to comment, great that this is being discussed - as we get older we encounter more illness, death and dying.

For too long this topic has been taboo, mainly because of 'Christian' views that only God should end one's life. As a Christian, I see no evidence of this in Jesus' teaching - just another zealous idea from some middle ages Popes!

Anyway, what I support are End of Life Choices - the ability for an individual to have the right (freedom!) to voluntarily choose - whether they want palliative care, or whether they've had enough, whatever. Of course there needs to be safeguards, but it needs to be the individual's choice to seek professional assistance in ending their life; if that is what they want.

I don't want to be (consciously) lying around depressed and in pain and unable to end it all because of someone else's views or fears about end of life. But I will need professional, medical help to do so. There will be doctors who will voluntarily help - their oath is surely only about sustaining quality life.

Voluntary assisted dying is not giving up on life or not appreciating it. It is as much a grateful and beautiful acknowledgment of when enough is enough.

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