

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

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Looking at the Netherlands where euthanasia has been allowed for more than 50 years, it is well known that people who were terminally ill but still had the mental ability to request and approve of having the lethal dose administered at a time of their choice.

Before administering the recipient was asked at least three times with an interval of approx. 30 minutes if they were sure and wanted to continue.

It gave them time to say goodbye to all who were present and after the lethal dose had been administered they slipped into a peaceful passing.

Of course there are laws and regulations in place to prevent any misconduct or abuse which had happened in the past.