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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Opposition to Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Re: Opposition to Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Dear Health and Environment Committee,

While I understand why some people think a bill that allows for voluntary assisted suicide provides options and choice for those facing a terminal illness. I'm very concerned that the underlying agenda is just another way for the state government to save money on appropriate care for the sick and elderly. The recent Aged Care Royal Commission revealed a crisis in aged care. In the many cases where there are no real palliative care options due to chronic underfunding in Queensland, this Bill adds pressure to vulnerable patients to prematurely end their lives.

I believe vulnerable people are likely to be influenced by either uncaring or well meaning medical staff or family to end their lives. It would be very difficult to raise this option without inferring that the person is too much trouble or unwanted. This alone may make a vulnerable person depressed enough to want to consider death by suicide.

Well funded palliative care allows for dignity and care in death. Pain is managed and the person dies without the emotional turmoil to themselves and health care workers that is bound to occur with the decision making process prior to assisted suicide. Families who are uncomfortable watching their loved ones decline may encourage a faster death by suicide to end their own discomfort. Of course they would communicate this as concern for their loved one and may not even recognise the selfish truth.

The bill allows for doctors and nurses to present the option of assisted suicide which is wrong and should be (and is for most) against their moral code to preserve life. It is my experience that if people want to end their lives they are able to do so without assistance. It seems a idiotic that the government spends funds on one hand to reduce suicide and yet plans to introduce a bill to allow assisted suicide without requiring the person contemplating this action to have any psychological testing or counseling.

I strongly oppose the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill and I'm asking you to reject it.

Sincerely,
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