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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Health workers to suggest suicide?

Re: Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 - Health workers to suggest suicide?

Dear Health and Environment Committee,

I am shocked that the Voluntary Assisted Dying 2021 Bill would allow health workers to initiate euthanasia discussions with a patient.

Doctors and nurses are trusted, authority figures in a vulnerable person's life. For them to present the option of assisted suicide is utterly wrong – even if they also include other options – because the patient may be unduly persuaded to kill themselves.

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

Sincerely,
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