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Sent: Sunday, 13 June 2021 10:51 AM

To: Health and Environment Committee

Subject: VAI

Re: VAD

Dear Health and Environment Committee,

The wording below was sent to me by others and I'm sure you are receiving lots of concerns.

- "The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 would allow mentally ill people to be killed. It also fails in many other ways, including:
- Health practitioners can initiate euthanasia discussions with a patient
- Patients are not required to see a specialist in the area their suffering
- The Premier wants to change the law to allow suicide to be discussed over the phone or online
- There is no real conscientious objection for health practitioners
- Faith-based hospitals and nursing homes cannot refuse to have their patients euthanised
- Anyone who talks someone out of assisted suicide could face up to 7 years in jail
- There are insufficient mental health checks on patients
- The Qld Government has committed far less money to palliative care than is required
- Death certificates will be falsified to say the person died of the underlying illness or disease—not assisted suicide"

After progressing with allowing babies to be killed during late term pregnancies, I didn't think it could get worse. I really can't understand either legislation being considered by you as a person. I know you, surely these are not signature pieces of legislation you'd like to be known for in the Mansfield community? Please respond to the individual items rather than a generic response.

Sincerely,

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