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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Submission to the Health Committee

Re: Submission to the Health Committee

Dear Health Committee Members,

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the "voluntary assisted dying" Bill.

I believe this is really an assisted suicide Bill.

This Bill has many flaws and is without safeguards necessary to protect the vulnerable.

It is a very dangerous Bill which would lead to extra deaths in Queensland every year, including people who would have wrongfully accessed assisted suicide because of wrong diagnosis, wrong prognosis, coercion, elder abuse, untreated mental anguish, or because they had little or no access to palliative care specialists and felt they had no other choice.

I also have grave concerns, that like Victoria, there would be an increase in non-assisted suicide rates because of a suicide cognation effect that often accompanies euthanasia or assisted suicide being legalised.

Doctors and health organisations that do not believe in euthanasia or assisted suicide must not be forced to go against their medical oaths or beliefs.

I implore you to protect our community and vote NO to this dangerous, poorly structured Bill.

Sincerely,
Murray Johnston

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