

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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I believe that every life is sacred, but, the right to live belongs solely to the person who is experiencing intolerable health or other conditions. Conditions where they have no quality of the life they lived and enjoyed previously, who are ""living"" endlessly in a bed or living life in a vegative state such as with Dementia. How can this a person be considered to be able to live with appalling health issues because they are given pain medication to dull the pain, so much morphine or other to the extent that they are permanently in a twilight world?

My father had oesophageal cancer, his oesophagus was removed, unfortunately and sadly, the last 18 months of his life was an agony for him and our family. Day by day, we saw this wonderful man deteriorate, bedridden; he became a shell of himself. Even on his last day, he whispered to me to help him out of his misery. A Catholic hospice nurse was visiting at the time and I went out to her and asked her to please do something to help my father's suffering. She went and telephoned a dr and a little later injected my father and within a short time he passed away. It didn't have to be or shouldn't be that someone has the power over another person's life, it is not a democracy if this can be so ordered. When my time comes I hope I can do with my life what everyone should be able to and that is make my own decisions for what is right for me.