

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

Hello,

We have an epidemic of suicide in Queensland right now. Many young people are seeing death as the only way out of their pain. I hear far too frequently of beautiful young people in our local area who have taken this option – a permanent solution to temporary problems.

How can we as a State tell our young people not to pursue this path when on the other hand we are encouraging suicide in the form of VAD as way out of felt pain?

The principle of this bill is deeply flawed. The Government and the Medical profession should not be engaged in killing people. Ever.

People can die with dignity right now through the efforts of palliative care. We don't need VAD at all. We need more funding for, and access to, palliative care.