

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

My Concise Oxford Dictionary says that “Euthanasia” is a “gentle and easy” death. I am sure that is what we all wish when the time comes.

Control over our own death is the subject of this submission. Surely the term “Voluntary” becomes an all swaying consideration.

While suicide is no longer considered a legal offence, it is messy and distressing for friends and family members. It certainly does not encompass any dignity.

If suicide is voluntary, we can surely make death voluntary for those that wish. This can be termed “**Voluntary Euthanasia**” or “**Dying with Dignity**” with legal and medical support to enable the occurrence.

For those that do not wish to volunteer, and those that are deemed not legally capable of making that decision, then life will just linger on to an inevitable end, which may or may-not be gentle or easy.

Accordingly, I want “**Voluntary Assisted Dying**” to become law without unnecessary delay.

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