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**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 June 2021 5:41 AM  
**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 express my concerns regarding the Bill for voluntary assisted dying, being considered by Queensland Government, after being contacted by Cherish Life Queensland. My concerns include the following:

- No requirement to be seen by a specialist in the area of the patient's suffering, e.g. an oncologist for cancer, or a palliative care specialist.
- Inequitable access to euthanasia and palliative care. If passed, this law would allow people with a 12 month prognosis to access euthanasia straight away, but they may not be able to access palliative care until a few weeks or a few months before the end of life (and in some cases in regional Queensland they may have no access to palliative care at all). Very concerningly, when Western Australia passed its assisted suicide legislation, an amendment to the Bill which would have given regional WA the same access to palliative care as assisted suicide was voted down.

I call on the Government to consider strengthening our palliative care resources and support available to terminally ill patients rather than prioritising euthanasia.

Sincerely,  
Alison Jensen

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