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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 June 2021 9:00 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 oppose the VAD bill being considered by the Queensland Government at present. I realise that people have the right to choose their own demise and accept that as a Christian I am given free will. What appals me is how innocent essential services workers are legally obliged to act on what is a moral and sometimes faith issue. Doctors, nurses and other healthcare staff have a right to their their own mental, moral and spiritual health. Freedom to choose, dying with dignity and minimal suffering are all achievable through quality palliative care. I fail to see dignity in taking one's own life but that's just my opinion. The "I don't want to be a burden" argument also begs rational analysis. Don't we have a right to have our family or our government take some responsibility for high quality, specialist palliative care? This bill is both manipulative and open to manipulation by others. Thank you for your indulgence.

Sincerely,  
Shane Baxter

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