

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I am writing in support of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill.

People living with a terminal illness should have the right to choose how and when they die. Requiring people to suffer for an unknown period of time with no prospect of recovery or quality of life is unnecessarily cruel and should not be accepted. Similar schemes have been introduced in other jurisdictions and prove that it is possible for such a scheme to run as intended without unforeseen / unintended consequences. The Queensland Law Reform Commission undertook an extensive, in-depth review to develop the draft Bill, which should provide comfort that the scheme will be robust, transparent and work as intended.

Organisations and individuals that object to VAD often mount bad-faith arguments that are spurious and have been proven to be unfounded time and time again. If an individual does not agree with VAD, should they find themselves in the unfortunate position of having to live with a terminal illness, they are under no obligation to participate in the scheme. People who do wish to should have the right to do so.

Kind regards
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