

**Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021**

**Submission No.:** 554  
**Submitted by:** [REDACTED]  
**Publication:** Making the submission public but withholding your name  
**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\* ,The request and assessment process,Administration of the substance,Safeguards,Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I submit that the government or its departmental representatives do not have the right to kill people. Intervention in a civil society is better served by spending money on palliative care. The disabled, weak and tired, who may easily be influenced to agree to take their own life, may believe that they are a burden to loved ones and a burden to society. This proposed law will confirm their "burdensomeness". This is unfair. No "safeguard" is enough when pressure is placed on weak and sick or sad people. This is against the Hippocratic oath. Doctors can not be fish and fowl. We spend a lot of money trying to tell young men and women that their lives are worthwhile. We have numerous policies addressing the problem of youth suicide. Then we support killing babies through Medicare and , if this legislation succeeds, we will be saying it is okay to kill the elderly or sick or disabled. So our young see this as contradictory. Why would they believe that we value their lives? God gives us life. God takes it away. Blessed is God.