

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Position: I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

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Submitter Comments:

no one is permitted to ask for this act of killing, either for himself or herself or for another person entrusted to his or her care, nor can he or she consent to it, either explicitly or implicitly. nor can any authority legitimately recommend or permit such an action."[1]

...while allowing dying to proceed without medical interventions that would be considered "extraordinary" or "disproportionate." The Declaration on Euthanasia states that:

"When inevitable death is imminent... it is permitted in conscience to take the decision to refuse forms of treatment that would only secure a precarious and burdensome prolongation of life, so long as the normal care due to a sick person in similar cases is not interrupted."[1]

The Declaration concludes that doctors, beyond providing medical skill, must above all provide patients "with the comfort of boundless kindness and heartfelt charity"

it unequivocally prohibits the hastening of death which is part of "crimes against life 'such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful suicide'