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**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

Dear Queensland parliament,

I am addressing the Euthanasia Bill recently tabled due to the activity of protestors - digitally, at least, I join them.

If human rights are designed to protect people - especially, of course, the vulnerable - then this Bill is a transgression of them. I recoil at the notion that anyone should be able to legally receive a lethal injection - let alone be encouraged towards it by the suggestion of those whose profession should be to promote and enhance life.

1. If the practice of assisted suicide is morally acceptable, why should the cause of death be concealed?
2. Given that the primary reason people seek assisted suicide is poor mental health, why is no psychological evaluation required?
3. Given the absolute nature of the procedure, why should it be permitted without consultation with a specialist in the illness particular to the patient?
4. Why is funding to Palliative Care - the nurturing of human life till its natural end - practically disregarded?

Given the opposition of the Nurses' Professional Association of Qld, the Australian Medical Association and other prominent organisations, given the transgression that this Bill would demand of the consciences of individual practitioners, given the rise in unassisted suicide that is almost certain to occur, why should Queensland Parliament forsake its responsibility to represent the people and protect society at the level of individual human life?

I will add, in closing, that the absurdity of allowing patients to access death by a telehealth appointment (as promoted by our Premier) demonstrates nothing more than an errant desire to make death by suicide as easily accessible as possible. The foulness of this intent is ineffable.

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