

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I strongly support the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Bill as it stands. Our society needs this legislation to make a safe and secure way for a person to end their life. Otherwise people are finding alternative means to die. I have heard of 3 suicides in the last 6 months of people with terminal illnesses, 2 of whom were only in their 50's. They would have preferred Euthanasia with loved ones by their side but this was denied them by our current laws. Some suicides are very unpleasant; awful tragic experiences for the ill person and those that find them.

VAD needs to be accessible for ALL people in Queensland. This means those living remotely in our state need to be allowed to access doctors using electronic forms of communication, such as live video, just as they do when tele-health consultations occur. Equal access to VAD also needs to include those living in their own homes within a retirement village. Their retirement village unit is their only home. People in Queensland should not be discriminated against for the regional location or physical home in which they reside, but given full equal opportunity to access VAD in their home wherever that may be.

Please ensure this VOLUNTARY assisted dying bill is passed for all of our loved ones, present and future. Thank you.