

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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I believe that at the end of our lives we should have choices on how our end of life should be. A pet owner is cruel if they do not attend to a very sick or dying animal. We should do the same for ourselves.

Modern medicine has given us the opportunity to prolong life but sometimes it is at the cost of having a person there with no life or quality of life.

My mother has Lewy Body Dementia. A terrible disease. For the past 18 months she has not walked, been able to go to the toilet or shower herself without the assistance of 2 carers. As is now unable to feed herself and slowly dying, whilst her body shuts down. Dementia is a difficult scenario, as they are no longer of sound mind to make the decisions about end of life. But if as a community we start to give some people choices it opens the conversation and maybe over time, we can make the changes needed for all, to prevent such needless suffering and die with dignity.