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Sent: Tuesday, 22 June 2021 11:43 AM **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,

I write to express my deep concern about the proposed Bill. As it stands the legislation is unreasonable. As a former health practitioner, I find it unreasonable to allow doctors to initiate euthanasia discussions with a patient. As a person of faith, I think it is unreasonable to remove any real pathway for conscientious objection by a medical practitioner and to require faith-based hospitals and nursing homes to allow euthanasia in their facilities. As a matter of logic I also think it is unreasonable to allow death certificates to be falsified to say the person died of their underlying disease rather than state it was a result of assisted suicide.

I urge the government and all parliamentarians in QLD to reconsider this bill and, at a minimum, to adjust it so that it is at least reasonable.

Sincerely, Richard Cathie