
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 June 2021 12:12 PM
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 oppose this Bill on several levels, especially the cost to valuable human life, but today I write to highlight that the push by the current sitting government to enact this bill looks like an attempt to shirk responsibilities toward improvements in palliative care in this state. The AMA and the Nurses' Professional Association of Queensland both reject this bill and cry out for the funding to improve palliative care. Excellence in palliative care, including end of life mental health care, will make a bill such as this undesirable and unnecessary. Until the Queensland government has done it's utmost to provide excellence in palliative care, and I believe the government has already been given some details on how they may strive to achieve this, any mention or introduction of a 'Voluntary Assisted Dying' bill is nothing short of the government seeking to "save" money at the cost of human life.

Every community that has introduced a euthanasia bill of some description has discovered that it is a slippery slope, where greater and greater evils are allowed as the community increasingly devalues human life, especially the lives of the sick and infirm. Those vulnerable to such laws often feel powerless and voiceless to stand against the tide that would see them 'voluntarily' end their lives.

Once upon a time the Queensland government stood to protect every human life and to provide good health care for every stage of life, today it sees human life as expendable. If this bill is enacted it will be abused and the vulnerable will pay with their lives. As a body, I am asking each of you, please do all you can to advise the Queensland parliament against passing this bill and strongly encourage them to turn their attention and funding toward marked improvements in palliative care.

Sincerely,
Kellie Adams