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Sent: Friday, 25 June 2021 2:20 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,

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to ask that you not support the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill. VAD will always be the endorsement of suicide and the condoning of murder. The bill itself allows unsupported people to end their lives, and creates a moral dilemma for many doctors, health practitioners, families and more. It does not address the issues and dilemmas faced by Queenslanders who would seek it, but is a cheap, political, slap-on fix that has greater consequences than one term of leadership. These are people's lives, and everything should be done to prolong them. Every Queenslander should have the best palliative care to provide what is needed at the end of their life.

I ask that you endorse necessary and critical funding to palliative care, where lives conclude naturally, supported by necessary medicine and practitioners. Palliative care in Queensland is grossly underfunded and unfairly disadvantaged. Queenslanders deserve natural death, without government interference or pressure to end it. Palliative care provides the compassionate and vital support that we need.

Many countries such as Belgium and the Netherlands, who have had euthanasia legalised for years, show the alarming trend towards killing youth simply because of mental health and disorders that can be improved.

This is despicable, and what Queensland looks to endorse if this bill is passed.

Regards,
Jemma Telleman

Sincerely,
Jemma Telleman

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