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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 June 2021 1:47 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,

As a mother who has watched their child die due to a terminal genetic condition and a grandchild who sat by the bedside of a grandparent as they wasted away due to dementia, I can empathise with those who are facing this heartbreaking journey with their loved ones. My Hannah was amazingly supported by a multi-disciplinary palliative care team and our family were blessed by the amazing knowledge and care these health professionals showed us and our daughter.

Where do we get the idea that death should be dignified? In my personal experience, death is not dignified. It is messy and inconvenient and heartbreaking and a whole list of other adjectives.

I am afraid that if this bill passes, we will lose a generation of grandparents who choose to end their lives rather than face the potential neglect of their busy families, who are quietly shamed into "not being a burden" or "waste our inheritance with their care needs".

I am afraid that a family who are facing the uncertainties of life with a terminally-ill child will experience pressure to "spare" their child potential pain and suffering and deprive them of quality palliative care.

I have read this bill and I am afraid for the future of my family in Qld if it passes.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Pearce