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Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 10:21 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,

Reading the proposed 'Voluntary Assisted Dying' Bill, I am utterly shocked that something like this has even been suggested in Australia. It is nothing short of barbaric! What people need is not assisted dying, but assisted living! This is the government disposing of perceived 'problems' as cheaply as possible, instead of providing better palliative and mental care. It is also preying on those who are in depression and mental anguish, instead of helping them.

All life is valuable and precious and should be protected. Every person should be given the greatest opportunity to live to their full potential.

If you are part of the health committee, I would assume that you are interested in healthcare, not killing. Do some research on what happens to a nation when the value of life is minimised. It leads to less and less valuing of human life across the entire culture, which plays out in suicides, abortions, violent crimes and other destructive outcomes.

When you are making your decisions regarding this bill, and I say this also to the Premier (who obviously thinks life is so cheap it can be wiped out over a phone call or teleconference), ask yourself what you would want the bill to say if it was your confused and depressed teenager who might feel the effects of it, or your ill mother or father who might be told by a Dr or nurse that ending their life is a legitimate option.

The fact that this bill is even being tabled is a national disgrace and anyone who votes for it should be removed from government, because you do not represent we the people and choosing to support this bill is choosing to destroy our nation.

Australia has always been a nation which values and honours people, not destroys them. A place where people can live their full potential. I urge you to please consider the type of nation you want your families to live in before you make your decision.

Sincerely,
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