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Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 10:48 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,

Thank you for considering this submission.

I am writing to express my deep sadness in the desire of some to legalise assisted suicide. Below are reasons why I consider the proposed legislation morally wrong and ultimately harmful and a source of grief:

- * God's word, the Bible, tells us to love our God the Creator and Sustainer of all with all our heart, soul, strength and mind and to love our neighbour as ourselves.
- * It is only God who gives and sustains life. We are not autonomous; we have no right to snuff out what he in his goodness has given.
- * When my sick or aged or distressed neighbour is suffering, I should seek to relieve, comfort, provide for this my neighbour whom God loves. God gives me no right to take his/her life, to assist in suicide. It would be an evil act, a sin against my God.
- * As a government we could increase our palliative care financially, in equipment and medicines and with staff. And I am sure that in our Christian churches there would be plenty of volunteers willing and wanting to help.

May God bless you all, and bless you in doing the right thing.

Sincerely,
William Holm