
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 11:09 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,

I am very concerned about the complete lack of safeguards in this Bill particularly regarding mental health checks and review. I have been very active in suicide prevention work for 10 years and am well aware that mental health is a major factor in Australia's very high suicide rate. Alarming lived experience testimony shows the vast number of people regretted their decision to take their life. Even in circumstances of considerable hardship or illness. Further I attended a funeral of 51 year old lady on Thursday 24 June 2021 who was given 6 months to live...five years ago. This person lived a very full life for almost 5 of those years. The current legislation would enable and normalize a person depressed by this news to unnecessarily take their own life. This Bill needs more work, please vote no.

Sincerely,
Laurence Manning

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