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Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 2:05 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,

I strongly oppose the Qld Labor Government's 'Voluntary Assisted Dying " Bill. The following aspects of the proposed law are unacceptable: 1) Queenslanders over 18 with a 12 month prognosis would be eligible for euthanasia or assisted suicide upon the approval of two doctors who don't have to be specialists and who can be junior GP's with little or no specialised training in end-of-life management. 2) Doctors with a conscientious objection to euthanasia or assisted suicide would be forced to refer patients for it. 3) No requirement to be seen by a specialist in the area of the patient's suffering or by a palliative care specialist. 4) Trying to talk someone out of assisted suicide could put you in jail for 7 years. 5) Death certificates would be falsified for people who access assisted suicide to record their underlying sickness as the cause of death instead of suicide or euthanasia. 6) The Qld government has only promised an additional \$28.5 million per year for palliative care funding while high quality palliative care to ALL Queenslanders would only cost an extra \$1 per Queenslanders per week.

In addition it is a fact, and worth considering, that 107 of the World Medical Association's 109 constituent National Medical Associations oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide. The Australian Medical Assoc as well as the Nurses Professional Assoc of Qld is opposed to euthanasia.

Sincerely
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