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Sent: Tuesday, 29 June 2021 3:07 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,

Instead of supporting "Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill" , please consider supporting an increase of the availability of Palliative Care. There is much stigma attached to talking about death, and for patients, loved ones and carers there is a reluctance to seek support or even know what support exists. Many people who would benefit from accessing palliative care don't. Palliative care should be available to all Australians regardless of location, age, income, diagnosis or prognosis, social and cultural background, to support Australians to live well at the end of life.

In the next 25 years the number of Australians who die will double, increasing the demand for and cost of palliative care. This increases the importance of investing in palliative care and the health workforce to deliver this care, and to raise community awareness of palliative care. For people who are dying, there is only one chance to get it right for that person and their family, friends and community. This would provide a better outcome for the wide community.

Sincerely
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