

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I support the bill to legalise voluntary assisted dying in Queensland. I am 62 years old and was raised a Catholic in Queensland. I have lived Catholic values all my life, as have all members of my family. It is true that human life is precious and decisions about who lives and who dies should not be influenced by decisions of governments. However, I do not believe human suffering is a necessary component of human existence and God, to the extent I continue to believe there is one, could not and would not condone the suffering of those who have no hope of overcoming that suffering.

In western society, we do not let our animals suffer. It has long been something I have pondered that we are allowed to end the lives of those animals with serious illness and injury with dignity and compassion, and yet we expect some of our fellow human beings, our family members, to suffer terrible and ongoing pain even when all hope is lost.

The bill has many safeguards against improper use of the provisions and provides for a dignified death for those few individuals who wish to take up the voluntary assisted dying option. I certainly hope that option is available if and when my time comes.