

**Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021**

**Submission No.:** 893  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I believe that I and others have the human right to access VAD if or when I make that choice. And it is a choice, NOT compulsory VAD. I believe in palliative care until pain, dignity and especially quality of life are no longer provided by palliative care. While palliative care is valuable, it often gets to a point where it only prolongs end of life suffering for the person and those who love them. How dare those who oppose VAD iethe minority , seek to make that choice for me and everyone else. While they fret about the slippery slope that isn't there in the legislation - and God's will that is clearly indicated when people are only kept alive by human intervention - people are dying in horrible and lonely ways ie UNassisted voluntary dying ie suicide before they would want to access VAD, simply because they have to take their own lives unassisted and while they can still function or face a prolonged drawn out loss of function and death. Many of those people might take advantage of palliative care and never access VAD if things go well with it but they can't take the chance that they'll be kept alive, not by "God's will" but by human intervention, long after life offers nothing but pain and indignity.