

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

**Submission No.:** 907  
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**Publication:** Making the submission public but withholding your name  
**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\* ,Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities,Other  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I am really against Euthanasia because it crosses serious ethical lines for the practice of Medicine and for the people doctors treat. It totally goes against the Hippocratic oath and normalizes suicide as a rational and wise choice. Currently there is so much elder abuse already without Euthanasia AND palliative care is so grossly underfunded in Qld that working on these two issues alone would make a huge step forward for quality of life for those most vulnerable. Last year palliative doctors wanted \$121 mln in extra funding and instead they were given \$28.5 mln, so currently people in Qld are dying in pain because they have no access to palliative care nor are there allocated hospital beds available. If Palliative care was adequately funded then it CAN successfully manage the patients pain. My son is a doctor and the morphine levels and other medications are gradually upped so the patient can painlessly go to sleep. Legalizing Euthanasia will open a huge moral box where the vulnerable ill and elderly will be subject to manipulation, abuse and taken advantage of by the people who are to care for them. We've already seen in the European countries where Euthanasia is not only legal for the terminally ill but now includes those with Alzimers, those mentally ill, and more recently children under the age of 16! ITS WRONG because it puts the vulnerable at such risk, and it is impossible to legislate properly once legalized; the disabled, elderly, those with psychiatric disorders will soon be on the list! My father in law died last year in Canada without us being able to be there because of Covid. He mentioned a doctor was going to prescribe the little "red" pill to him - so that he could take when he chose - its not doctor assisted, nor family assisted, and the patient dies alone - its also quite tragic and leaves family members without time to grieve. By legalizing euthanasia people can doctor shop and get suicide medication on request without a doctor-patient relationship, nor even any known medical history, so errors and mistaken diagnosis can easily be made. Also for those doctors against euthanasia, they under section 84 subsection 2 will be forced to participate even if it goes against their conscience and professional judgement. In our society where we pride ourselves on caring for our mates whether they are known or not - Euthanasia goes against all of this. Not only is it unnecessary and unsafe but with properly funded palliative care it is unnecessary. Besides as a proud Australian I want to continue to help my mate - not normalize suicide - nor EVER encourage them to take their own life!