

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

This proposed Bill is unconstitutional in terms of the principles of democracy. Any law is only as good as those who operate or oversee it. As human behavior is historically flawed, it is inevitable that human rights will be violated as a result. We only need to look to Nazi Germany and other countries and States that have employed it to know that we will fail also. All humans are born to die and all humans experience pain and suffering. Endorsing suicide is to promote premature death.

In a democracy the State serves its citizens. That means that it is to serve life, not death. It cannot promote death otherwise it will cease to serve its function/purpose.

Promoting or endorsing death at the beginning of life [abortion] and at the end is the first step in dismantling democracy in the transition to totalitarianism or anarchy. Civilizations have come and gone in the past and there is no guarantee that we can survive the consequences of our actions.

Conclusion

The mandate of the State in a democracy is to promote life to the enth degree ie palliative care.