

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Euthanasia Submission

1. I express my strongest opposition to the introduction of euthanasia- In fact - despite the claims of the media-that there is majority support for such legislation - there is also much opposition to the legalising of assisted suicide in Queensland I would say in regards to public support - at the end of the day -if you want to be in favour -you must act with integrity in all dealings- not simply favouring the present emotionally charged human ideologies. Character counts -
2. Any expression of opposition is countered -almost patronisingly with assurances of strong safeguards and some superior insight into favourable outcomes- Well I have lived long enough to see the reality that follows legislation which contravenes the themes and values of our Constitution - where Life is valued because of foundational beliefs honouring God - Such a Principle brought great advantage to Australia through decades of tough times

My Father taught us - *Policies are many -Principles are few- Policies may change - Principles never do -*

Should the Principle of honouring life be changed- in the legislation our nation and our people are set up to suffer dreadful consequences. We saw this in Germany and across Europe- with impacts of devaluing human life still lingering today as it is in -in Russia - in China and more. Don't be misled into thinking that there will not be an undesirable force unleashed if this Law contrary to Principle of honouring and saving life-goes ahead.

3. Be warned that the **barriers set in place today become ease of access tomorrow**. The wording of the legislation places an exceptional level of authority in human goodwill -an easy barrier to unlock for access- and hardly equitable for the vulnerable who don't wish to burden anyone -
4. Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

These words attributed to John Wesley prompt me to refer to the KPMG Palliative Care Economic Report [Investing to Save – The economics of increased investment in palliative care in Australia](#).

---Here some good was started and given generous support by the tax paying public~ a professional investigation for -bettering the evaluation and care of health Yet its compassion and economic wisdom has been set aside & not been actioned as recommended (I know a token sum was granted towards palliative care- Hardly a exemplary effort to follow advice!!)

-Here is the place to start when considering the need for those who have lost the will to live -or those who have decided their loved ones desire to die **Do Good -Taking Life- Murder and suicide are never GOOD!!**