

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Those that would be against the right of an individual to end their life would probably argue that there are ways to manage the pain, deal with the emotions, or, that miracles happen. I say that no one can speak for another person's pain or thoughts and that miracles are far too infrequent.

I am currently 67, had kidney cancer 16 years ago, had bilateral knee replacements 12 months ago but otherwise healthy. So I am not looking to check out right at the moment. However, should I develop cancer again and find that I am in a situation that I am a burden to my wife or to society I want the right to determine my end.

I have seen a younger friend, get cancer, slide into helplessness very quickly, become bed ridden and totally dejected, and then die withered. This end was not pretty, his physical pain was managed, but his and his families emotional pain dragged on for a month as he slowly rotted. It was not pretty to me and was absolutely horrendous for his wife and young children to endure.

I would not wish this type of end of life on any one and certainly would not wish it on myself. I want the right to choose my end. I would like to live for many more years but when my end comes I would like it to be peaceful, painless and not prolonged. So should my end be from some horrid debilitating condition I want to be able to say, that's enough, let me go.