

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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With my ageing parents in a facility, and those of friends, I have had an opportunity to observe the pain and frustration of mentally declining people wanting to die. These people are well looked after but you cannot protect a person from the pain of dying a slow death. I believe if a person has declined to an extent where they can no longer feed themselves and there is no longer an ability or opportunity to improve, they need to be able to die.

I am terrified of being one of these people. My friends and family are terrified of being one of these people. We all hear 'I'll top myself before I get that point' but there is nothing available to put those wishes in place now. Why can't write a declaration now saying that if I can't feed myself, in old age, an accident or a stroke that leaves me in a permanent state of being unable to eat. I want to die.

It is a selfish act to allow suffering in old and demented individuals.

Thanks for this opportunity to write

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