



Gold Coast Retirees Inc

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Ph: President, Rob Grover, [REDACTED]

VAD Enquiry
Health and Environmental Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

29th June 2021

Dear Committee Members

Gold Coast Retirees Inc. an organisation representing approximately 250 Gold Coast retirees, has been requested by its members to take a positive stand to the establishment of legislation providing voluntary assisted dying to those people in severe pain and in need for relief from it. As an Association, we made an overall submission to the first hearing held on the Gold Coast and included with this submission, the personal submissions of a number of its members.

Since that hearing we have actively worked with the Clem Jones Trust and Dying with Dignity, Queensland Inc. to positively promote the overall cause and now a decision is forthcoming with your Committee having a very critical role in such.

While we fully recognize the rights of opponents of the scheme to make their meaningful comment, we are concerned about the overly negative nature of some of this commentary and would like to strongly reinforce our position in that:

- We fully support the draft VAD Bill as it is.
- We demand that doctors must be able to use electronic means to communicate with each other and their patients regarding VAD so that Queenslanders who live in remote areas have access to VAD
- We believe that people who own their own home in a retirement village must be able to access VAD in their own home.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Grover" with a flourish underneath.

Rob Grover

President

Gold Coast Retirees Inc.

Jim Fountain

Member of the Management Committee

Gold Coast Retirees Inc.