

Health and Environment Committee

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Hello

I am writing to provide my views on the upcoming VAD debate and Bill. I have watched two elderly relatives die a drawn out death and they asked me repeated to help them die. I could not do that and still hold such regret that I could not assist.

The Q:D VAD proposal provides people with the option to choose if they wish to enter palliative care or decide to end their life at their choosing and with dignity. It includes many safeguards to prevent abuse. It has a 12 month time frame which may work well however I am unsure what anyone who suddenly becomes terminally ill would be able to do to get around it.

There must be consideration of the vast distances in Queensland to ensure that those in remote areas have similar access to those in the cities.

I am fully supportive of having the right to choose how, when and the way I wish to die - it is voluntary and those who do not wish to take this path do not have to.

I urge politicians to support this Bill and have it introduced into Queensland legislation.

Many thanks

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