

**Health and Environment Committee**

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Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

I live in Queensland and I am so ashamed that in Brisbane, our Members of Parliament are spending their time debating on killing people. The whole world is frantic about a virus and we are bombarded with death numbers. Why are you then fighting for life on the Covid-19 front and debating about allowing an earlier death on the other front? That is very confusing.

You and I are all going to die. But it is not up to us to decide when and how. Only God knows. We are not to hasten the moment of our death. We are to accompany the dying person and care for them. Every day, every hour is precious and we are forbidden to take these hours or days away from this person.

Suffering can be alleviated if the person is properly cared for in palliative care where dedicated staff can look after their physical, emotional and spiritual needs as well as their family's.

Doctors take an oath to protect lives not to induce death.

What Queensland desperately needs is simple:  
more beds in palliative care and more training in this area for medical staff.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,  
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