

Health and Environment Committee

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To: Health and Environment Committee
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Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

I believe it is a dangerous bill, and not good for our society, as it devalues life. It is largely a bill which legalises suicide, and can be used wrongly in the case of people being pressured to DIE not of their own volition (ie. elder abuse). What we need is more money spent by the Queensland govt. on proper palliative care, especially to the regions, where such rarely exist. The bill as it stands is too liberal and will end up harming families and the Medical profession. It is going to be too easy to kill oneself when in a poor mental state, or too soon after a diagnosis or prognosis which may be wrong. Specialists should always be involved, not as stands where two junior doctors could offer this option to a patient. Finally, since it will legalise both assisted suicide and euthanasia in a state which already has the highest suicide rate in Australia, and has inflated non assisted suicides in Victoria, Canada and the Netherlands, this Bill does not enhance the health of our State.

Sincerely,
Mark Kajewski