

**Health and Environment Committee**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

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Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

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I am writing to express my concern over this extreme bill. It not only shows a lack of respect for people with complex health problems but also for the medical profession. The fact that the two doctors signing off on ending someone's life do not even have to be qualified specialists is alarming and negligent. Especially when you consider how many misdiagnoses there are each year. It also disrespects the rights of doctors and nurses who wish to preserve life not end it! It appears to me that rather than address the chronic shortage of palliative care beds and the huge deficit in palliative care funding the Labor government would rather 'get rid of' the problem in more devastating ways. This bill would also lead to an increase in deaths among our elderly who already may feel as though they are a burden on their families or on society. And it could be easily used by greedy family members to 'get rid of' unwanted elders under the guise they were wishing to spare them more suffering. I implore you to consider the far reaching, horrific implications that a bill like this would have on society and not just be coerced by the sugar coated version people in favour of it are peddling.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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