

Health and Environment Committee

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To the Health Committee, Queensland Parliament.

I am a resident of Queensland aged 82, with past cancer diagnoses. I have sat by the bedside of a family member diagnosed with cancer, with widespread metastases.

The palliative care he was receiving could not be faulted. However, the feelings he shared with me showed clearly that palliative care does not have all the answers.

He said "Its not that I'm dying – its the **way** that I'm dying!" ie He had a colostomy to relieve his obstructed bowel – a catheter to empty his bladder – dependent on others for feeding, bathing, bowel and bladder management – pain unrelieved.

That to him was abhorrent!! No dignity!!! Please – this needs to change:

I support the VAD Bill as it is. I want the right to choose! I want that same right for those I love.

It is also essential that doctors must be able to use electronic means to communicate with each other and their patients in remote areas, regarding VAD.

Surely those who live in remote areas have the same human right of access to VAD. Anything less discriminates against them because of their postcode!!

People who own their own home in a retirement village must be able to access VAD in their own home.

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