

**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,

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This Bill is draconian, even its name is misleading making it sound like people are accessing palliative care and so should be withdrawn and replaced by adequate funding for real palliative care.

A patient on receiving a 'terminal' prognosis would be feeling distressed and unwell and so would be very vulnerable especially if a doctor or nurse then raises the idea of assisted suicide.

The Bill would open a Pandora's box to elder abuse and also make many elderly people frightened to even consult their doctor for fear of being euthanized.

And unbelievably a well-meaning relative, friend or health professional could face seven years jail for trying to talk this person they care for, out of suicide.

Most government's propaganda about the Covid pandemic has frightened citizens into relinquishing many of their freedoms which has, amongst other things, resulted in a large increase in the suicide rate and yet amid all this our Queensland government is promoting legislation to encourage even more suicides!!!

A cynic might think that our Government is heartless and only wants this legislation passed in order to reduce the cost of caring for non-productive members of society, especially the elderly.

Sincerely,  
John and Traudi Leahy

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