Health and Environment Committee

From:

Sent: Thursday, 1 July 2021 9:01 AM

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,

Please do not publish my name or personal details.

Given my background as a Community Clinical Palliative Care Nurse Specialist (6 years) and an Aged Care Facility Manager (10 years), I believe I can speak to this bill with authority. I have been with hundreds of people during the palliative and end of life period of their lives.

Many elderly people already feel a burden to their families and the community. Sanctioned early death pressures them to end their life to be out of the way, rather than valuing people even after they are "of use"...There is a slippery slope.

Excellent palliative care services can provide natural, pain controlled, peaceful death. respect a person and care.

Requiring Medical and Nursing Staff to participate in killing goes against their Human rights.

Sincerely,

Liz Sanders