

**Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021**

**Submission No.:** 1062  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\* ,The request and assessment process,Administration of the substance,Safeguards,Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities,Oversight and review  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my opinion regarding the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill. I do not support the bill for the following reasons.

1. The bill will not solve the problem of the underfunded palliative care in Queensland. Queenslanders need proper palliative care, which will make the lives of those who are very ill and qualify for the palliative care more comfortable and not as painful. Telling people that we don't have money, but you can choose to die is not humane, and does not really constitute an individuals choice.
2. The bill notes that people with mental health conditions such as depression may request to die voluntarily. This is outrageous. Instead of helping people to deal with those conditions and providing them with care and love, the government assists them in committing suicide?
3. Medical profession does not support this bill. Doctors give the Hyppocrates oath to do everything in their power to preserve life. This goes completely against that oath and does not provide medical professionals with an opportunity to conscientiously object.
4. There have been a lot of cases of elederly abuse and not much has been done about it. The bill will be a pathway to more abuse and pressure on the elderly to end their lives even when they do not want to. Many more people will become victims under this Bill rather than will get any benefit or protection.

I therefore urge you not to vote for this bill.

Kind Regards/