

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

**Submission No.:** 1067  
**Submitted by:** [REDACTED]  
**Publication:** Making the submission public but withholding your name  
**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\* ,The request and assessment process,Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I am in opposition to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021.

Regarding eligibility - this bill allows for those with a prognosis of 12 months to access VAD where as other legislation stipulates a 6 month prognosis. This expands the potential abuse of this Bill without proper investigation by the individual.

The request and assessment - there is no provision for review of the patient by psychologist, palliative care specialists, pain management specialist etc for patients. All information and the over all mental health of the patient should be a consideration.

Conscientious objection - individuals and institutions with another belief system should not be mandated to assist in VAD. This would include hospitals or Aged Care facilities that have a different ethos. Medical professionals, counselors and others should have the right to their beliefs and to express them to a patient without recrimination. A patient can always access another opinion which is our current practice.