

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I believe the right to choose to die with dignity should be regarded as a fundamental right. The key issue is that it must be truly voluntary, and without coercion. Therefore protections in the bill to ensure this are the most important.

If entry in a Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) process is truly voluntary, those the rights of those who oppose VAD are protected. And there is no reason why their belief should be imposed on others. (Note I do also believe it is critical that support for palliative care be at the highest level to support those who choose that path.)