

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Watching and waiting for your parent or family member to die a slow and painful death is something no one should have to do in a modern country like Australia. Yes, we have medicine to relieve pain but they have side effects which require more medicines and can make the patient “feel like their brain is full of yoghurt and can’t think straight” so they’d rather suffer the pain than not be able to think for themselves. My parent asked me why they were still alive after another hospital stay. When I responded that their body was fighting hard, they said they were sick of fighting and just wanted to die. I think that’s a fair request after battling cancer for seven years, participating in multiple drug trials and enduring multiple surgeries. In the end my parent refused to eat which affected my other parent and their mental health. My parent just wanted to die with dignity. Surely we can give people that right.