

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Position: I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill
Comments in relation to: Safeguards
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Submitter Comments:

I am a practising Occupational Therapist, who works with people with neuromuscular degenerative conditions and mental health conditions. I am concerned about how the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 will send a message to those who struggle with their conditions and accessing health and disability services. When another option is given - voluntary dying, will they give up and feel pressured to take an easier option?

How does this Bill safeguard against mental health issues and the wish to not live? This Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill is not just going to affect those close to the end of life and who can consent without pressure. Undue pressures will be caused by the option of Euthanasia being introduced into our State and will affect those who are vulnerable by virtue of their disability including physical, cognitive and mental disabilities.