

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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I saw my mother dying in a nursing home for eight years after a major stroke, and she couldn't speak, but would point up with her finger, and I would ask her, do you want to go mum, and she would nod her head. No human should have to go through this. I have considered suicide, before I get too old so that I can do it myself. I would like to be able to determine at what stage I can die, I shouldn't have to have an illness that is going to kill me in six months. I would trust my children and doctor to make the decision based on my written instructions. VAD is not compulsory, it's voluntary, and for those who oppose it, let them suffer, but those who want it let them choose. VAD laws may allow me to live longer, by not being assisted, I would have to die earlier so I'm able to do it without assistance. Why is this a better alternative than VAD?