

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

Hello. My name is Brenda McClean, and I would like you to know why I feel very strongly about Voluntary Assisted Dying. Having lost my father at the age of 56, with cancer, whose weight was 24.5 kg when he passed, just a heap of bones, my father in law with mesophelioma, and my partner just over 2 years ago with lung cancer, All of whom suffered a very undignified death at the end. My partner Bob, had an advanced health directive, so he certainly didnt expect to be lying in a hospital bed in pain and waiting for the end to come. At the end, he was begging for help to die.

There was no dignity for any of them, especially Bob when he lost his bodily functions, and he was still aware of that fact Where is the dignity in that? We had tried all sorts of things, even going to Nimben and getting marijuana. That had no effect on his pain whatsoever, The cancer clinic said things were moving slowly. so he would be ok for a while yet, but While visiting his lung specialist Bob was lying on the bed in the drs office he said to the dr. he hoped he still had a couple of years left, and the dr looked at him and said mate, you wont even last till christmas, Thats tact for you, I couldnt believe he had said it, but I guess Bob had more or less asked. This was in November, he died less than 2 weeks later. I think he just gave up hope then.

I have 2 grand daughters with Cystic fibrosis. This is a terminal disease. Some CF patients are able to have their life prolonged with a lung transplant. This is not possible with my grand daughters, the eldest who at 23 years of age, has said she wants to have her choice of when to die, with her family with her. Neither of the girls can get a lung transplant, as they have an extra strain of a bacterial gene, that means if they get new lungs, they would be immediately infected with the same bacterial infection as their own organs. The new lungs would be rejected. These girls, have seen lots of their friends pass away with CF. And have spent the majority of their lives in hospital.

Everyone has a right to say how they feel about voluntary assisted dying, it should not be a vote with religion in mind, if there is a god then he surely wouldnt want people just to lay around waiting to die with no chance of recovery. And I also believe it shouldnt be a political subject, politics has nothing to do with it.

Surely we treat our pets better than this.

My mother had dementia, didnt know who she was in the end, and I know that she would have preferred to go at home with her family beside her while she still had her faculties.

Please vote to get this legislation passed.

I believe it is over 80% of the population of Queensland wanting this legislation passed.

I can fully understand why people suicide when they know the future looks so grim, and they know , there is no hope. They should be able to make their own decisions while they are of sound mind.

It is an individual decision.

This is my life, my choice please uphold my right to die a peaceful death at the time of my choosing, should I also have a terminal illness.

Thank you