

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Position: I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill
Comments in relation to: Eligibility criteria* ,The request and assessment process,Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities,Oversight and review
Attachments: No attachment

Submitter Comments:

I believe in the fundamental right of an individual to determine when and how her/his life ends. This shouldn't be restricted to those that have been diagnosed as having a life-ending illness - one should be able to say that her/his quality of life is of such an unsatisfactory standard that with a suitable passage of time and the application of due diligence, she/he can end it. It is important that safeguards such as having a valid and complete 'Living Will' and an Advanced Health Directive be provided, and that the individual is assessed as being 'of sound mind' by suitably qualified medical and mental health professionals who are supportive of End of life' directives.

The above-mentioned health professionals should not be required to be involved in the 'End of life' process if they chose not to be (if they personally object) however they should not be able to impose their beliefs / values on individuals choosing to voluntarily end her/his life.

There should be a stand-alone and independent body established to monitor and evaluate the implementation and outcomes of those seeking to avail themselves of the Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation.