

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I believe we all have the right to determine our end of life when faced with a debilitating and/or incurable disease or injuries.

The QLD draft legislation allows for a person (with an incurable/terminal illness) to have a 12 months' life expectancy to be able to access VAD - in other states this is set at 6 months' life expectancy. We all know suffering starts BEFORE 6 months. We believe there should be no prognostic timeframes once you are diagnosed with a terminal/incurable disease. If there does have to be a timeframe then we support the 12 months' timeframe.

I would support a longer qualification period than 12 months, as the impacts of such life debilitating illnesses or injuries can last much longer and the impacts on the person and their loved ones is harder still the longer the issues affect the quality and dignity of their lives.