

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I support the proposed introduction of the VAD law and it is the right of any person suffering a terminal or untreatable condition to take leave of their life in as dignified and safe manner as humanely possible. Personally I also believe that for someone who faces the prospect of being admitted to a nursing home and a future of being "cared for" and that person is of independent mind and spirit, is accustomed to maintaining their own care and bodily functions, and who feels that losing the ability to selfcare would make for a non-productive and worthless existence, then that person should also be given the opportunity to take leave of this world with the administration of a life-ending medication, either self-delivered or by a medical practitioner. I understand that this is beyond the scope of the proposed legislation but that is my longheld opinion, formed in my youth when I saw both grandmothers in nursing homes and I vowed never to follow that path; a fate worse than death! During my ten year voluntary work with Exit International I knew of at least one person each year who ended their life and this practice will continue regardless of whether this law is passed so the religious zealots and bleeding hearts who object to the act of someone making a peaceful exit, should just accept that it is not their decision to make or live by and if they chose to not meet their God until he or she sends for them, that is their right but it is not their right to interfere with the decision and act of anyone else.