

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

Firstly I abhor the manner in which politicians dictate the outcome of enquiries and subsequent law changes based on what they think are appropriate. This enquiry should only be concerned with the rights of the individual and the wishes of the community at large. "MY LIFE, MY DEATH, MY CHOICE. Community polls have continually returned high percentages in favour of VAD laws. Politicians ignore them and follow their own preferences.

Secondly, examining existing VAD laws in other states and countries with the notable exception of Switzerland, it is glaringly apparent that if VAD laws are indeed passed, the criteria are often so extreme and difficult to meet that it is almost impossible to access end of life assistance. In other words politicians pay lip service to the wishes of the majority and then wrap it up in so much red tape that it is virtually useless.

No doubt those who wish to have some control over their inevitable demise will have alternatives in place to avoid unnecessary suffering and will not be relying on enlightened State VAD laws.