

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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I saw both my parents die in agony over several years, one of bowel cancer, the other of bone cancer in the jaw. Their deaths were agonising, degrading, and inevitable. If they had been given the option to end their lives when the pain and loss of control of body function became too much for them to bear, it would have given them a sense of control over their deaths, and they could have died with dignity. The treatment they received did nothing to help, in fact the radiation for bone cancer meant my mother died in agony from the radiation which caused her to stop being able to eat or drink, adding radiation burns to the agony of cancer. I have a high probability of dying of cancer, too, and this type of death fills me with dread, affecting the quality of life of my last years.