

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,Safeguards,Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities
Attachments: No attachment

Submitter Comments:

Based on the 'suggested criteria' I submit the following:

Eligibility, request and assessment process, Safeguards and Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities:

Keeping all the above simple as possible:

My firm belief is that it is 'my body and therefore my decision/choice'. I think there should be no criteria or impediment that can over rule my own wishes. If I live a long life, and decide that I have fulfilled my life and have 'had enough', then I should be permitted to take this next step.

If I must rely on having a criteria, then my Enduring Power of Attorney (which currently) stipulates that my life is not to be prolonged, nor am I to be resuscitated. These instructions should be enough for this final wish to be granted. The only criteria that should be incorporated at law is that no family member, carer or other identity can suggest/request, or object to this course of action.