

**Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021**

**Submission No.:** 1161

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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public

**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill but recommend some changes to it.

**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\* ,The request and assessment process,Conscientious objection by either individuals or entities

**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I totally support this Bill as I am a person who will want to consider this being available as I have an incurable form of Cancer ie Multiple Myeloma. This I understand will end with a great deal of pain in my bones and will also end with renal failure. I do not wish to linger and be pumped with more and more drugs just to live another few weeks or days. I wish to be able to decide whether I want to assist my own dying or wait it out as is currently the way. I also do not want the likes of any government institution, religious group deciding on how I am to die, when at the last it is the only power you have at the end.

I disagree with the 12 months timeframe in being eligible for this to occur; most times you are very sick albiet up and down perhaps in this timeframe. It should be available when you NEED it or WANT it.

I also disagree that politicians have a 'conscience' vote. Generally they are voted into government by different competing groups and answer to these groups. This to me is a conflict of interest. Also their personal views are not my views and this vote is left to a small number of people that don't have my interests at heart. Some better way needs to be found.

After reading through the proposed Act, I note there is no availability to be able to administer the substance at a residential home. It only refers to other institutions. This seems unfair; as alot of people would prefer to be able to die at their original home if they are able or wish to.