

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitter Comments:

I do not support the VAD Bill 2021 in the State of Qld.

I think we are 'crossing a line ' in the relationship between doctor/ patient if we allow VAD. We will be changing the culture of Care , and the expectation of Care, that has been built up over a long time between the medical profession and their patients.

We are demographically , moving to a nation that will have a much larger component of older people in it. There has always been an expectation between doctor and patient that the former will do their utmost to improve/ relieve the medical burden of the latter.

The option of VAD will create the opportunity for elder abuse by family , carers , others who may be interested in hastening the demise of another for other than altruistic reasons.

It is impossible to legislate safely to take life , in the manner proposed by these VAD laws without putting vulnerable people at risk .

There is no doubt that caring for the elderly is a challenge , especially where serious illness is concerned . As this is an area which is about to grow numerically, we should meet that challenge with more funding for palliative care in this State.