

Submission into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

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Submitted by: Name withheld
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Position: I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill but recommend some changes to it.
Comments in relation to: Eligibility criteria*
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Submitter Comments:

I do not believe that the "Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021" extends far enough. Watching my husband suffer in the final stages of prostate cancer, pleading to the doctors to end his life and knowing that he had not wanted to get to that stage was absolutely hideous for him. His life ended in a way that was not how he wanted. He indicated to me that he would have opted to euthanise if it was possible. That was in 1973/4.

Also

Having watched my mother absolutely suffer with dementia, in an aged care facility, and saying every time I visited her ie. 3 times a week ' I just want to die. I hate my life' was really distressing. She should have been able to decide when she knew she was in early stages of dementia that she could euthanise rather than be in a state of anxiety for three years.