

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

**Submission No.:** 1190  
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**Publication:** Making the submission and your name public  
**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\* ,The request and assessment process  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I believe in the right to die with dignity at a time when we believe it is our time to do so. This bill needs to be passed as is, as this is the best chance of it succeeding. However, I also believe it does not go far enough. As an Australian citizen in her seventies, I do not wish to be a burden or be dependent on others due to dementia or other mentally or physically debilitating (and humiliating) conditions, even if those are not considered terminal. I would like the option to end my life before I reach this stage. However, I do not believe this is feasible at this stage due to the reluctance of some authorities to approve any kind of assisted dying bill. So, I recognise that, at this time, this is the best we can get, and any amendments will need to be considered in future, in a more enlightened time.