

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

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**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
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**Submitter Comments:**

We would like to see extra funds provided for the palliative care of people who are reaching the end of their lives. With pain management and careful nursing people can reach the end of their lives with peace and dignity. That is often the time where they can find forgiveness for the things they have done wrong and have their relationship with God restored.

The voluntary assisted dying bill is virtually making doctors kill these sick old people. But they all sign a Hippocratic oath that they would do their patient no harm. God said "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13). There is something very cold hearted about this bill. How easy it would be for family members to make an elderly sick person feel that he or she is being a nuisance and it would be better for them to die. In that case it would not be voluntary at all.

Please swing funds towards palliative care and let God decide when the time to die has come.

Yours faithfully, Daphne Saunders