

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

**Submission No.:** 1215  
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**Position:** I/We support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** Eligibility criteria\*  
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**Submitter Comments:**

I am a Double Certificate Registered Nurse. I retired when 79 years of age. Nursed in every capacity of care. I am of the Anglican faith, but my Rector admitted to me, that I would have witnessed many illnesses resulting in the need to listen to the request of the patient, that assistance to end life was necessary. Also, when a patient, the relatives, and Doctors have been prepared that no cure is possible, the patient should have the right to ask for Voluntary Assistance to die. Some patients cannot speak, but have indicated to relatives the possibility, because of the condition, and they plead with their eyes. I believe we all have the right to choose VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING. Also, an aged person, lonely, alone, fed up with life, can also discuss with the Doctor, and there must be 2 Doctors involved. This law should be passed by the Government, and the Medical Team will wisely see that it is affectively arranged. I have heard, "but there is Palliative Care". Believe me, many can still suffer. Vernon Anne Birch.