

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

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**Submitter Comments:**

I recently witnessed my 89 year old father die. He was in the Emergency Department and was having a series of heart attacks. Due to his history and the distress he was in, he called that all treatment should be stopped and to let him die. With some family consultation with more than one doctor they consented to his wishes.

He was left to die with no dignity, he was not kept 'peaceful' as I hear so many say. It was distressing to watch even though it was only a matter of hours! At the point when he made that decision to have no further medical intervention and to be let die and was unhooked from all the monitors and there was no more to be done - he should have been given something to make it instantaneous, instead of what he and us had to endure. Had he have had the choice he would definitely have had something in place ! This is distressing to write even months after his death.

Dad was a member of 'Exit International' - he had a plan in place to pass peacefully, so in no way did he want to linger or become a burden to anyone, If he knew what that day was to bring, I can confidently say, he would have taken matters in his own hands. He and all those that want a peaceful death have a right to be given that choice!