

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

**Submission No.:** 1237  
**Submitted by:** Name withheld  
**Publication:** Making the submission public but withholding your name  
**Position:** I/We do not support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill  
**Comments in relation to:** The request and assessment process  
**Attachments:** No attachment

**Submitter Comments:**

I am concerned that not enough funding is being allocated to Palliative Care. Palliative Care Queensland have recently requested \$275 million in extra funding; but the Queensland Government has only promised an extra \$28.5 million for the next 6 years. My father died with cancer several years ago. The hospital staff were caring, efficient & positive when he required treatment. Generally, with the support of Blue Care, my mother was able to care for him in their own home. The pain was managed well by medication. Yes, there were some hard times, but all aspects of life incur challenges. The younger members of the family were able to observe that hardships & suffering can be faced & managed - that suicide is not a quick fix. Our youth need to be aware that there are solutions so that problems can be managed with resilience & support. I am concerned that our elderly will not receive the loving care they need; that they will be subtly manipulated into feeling that they are a burden to uncaring family members & society & must follow the path of euthanasia.