

Health and Environment Committee

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HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

To whom it may concern,

I am Dr Manuel Petavrakis, a registered medical practitioner working in Queensland.

I strongly oppose the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

The most noble aspects of our humanity all stem from our universal and innate self-sacrificial love for one another.

Such a humanity cannot offer to cure suffering by murdering the sufferer, no matter how euphemistically the act is disguised.

The bill should be rejected because:-

- The only real and humane solution lies in putting more effort, training, resources and money into improving palliative care.
- The vast majority of my profession and I oppose this bill.
- There does not seem to be any provision whatsoever for conscientious objection.
- All the many recent efforts by government and corporations to minimize the abuse of the elderly and sick, are made a sham when the killing them people is made permissible.

Death is inevitable. However legalizing the deliberate killing of people for whatever reason should be abhorrent to any human being. The excuse that the murder is performed out of mercy is completely unjustified when palliative measures exist but are not offered.

By definition, our role as doctors is to heal sickness and preserve life.

Our role as humans is to love and care for one another.

None of us has the right to kill another human being, so as to lessen their burden of care.

Faithfully,

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