

Health and Environment Committee

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Re: I oppose the "Voluntary Assisted Dying" Bill

Dear Health Committee Members,

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It is with a heavy heart and great disappointment on our great State of Queensland that we now consider a Bill to legalise Voluntary Assisted Dying - an indictment on our society where we offer people, with a prognosis of 12 months to live, the opportunity to end their life rather than help them make the most of the precious time they have left with their loved ones by providing them adequate Palliative care. We have such a limited number of Palliative care beds and limited access for the people in many regional and rirql areas. I have been a Registered Nurse for over 40 years and have dedicated my life to assisting people to regain their health and preserve it as long as possible in the best supportive environment possible.

Thank God I'm at the end of my career if this is seen as progress or enlightened.

As medical professionals we take an oath to 'do no harm' - how ironic that we are seeing this Bill propose to do the opposite for a person at their most vulnerable time in life - that is, harm the person and cause their death.

Many people are not even educated about the beauty she goodness of a good Palliative care program - let alone access it. There is a huge need to increase funds for this important area of Healthcare.

Our elderly and people with a terminal illness deserve to know they are valued and they deserve the highest quality care - not assistance to die.

They say a sign of an enlightened society is one that cares for it's frail, vulnerable members - please allow Queensland to be an enlightened society.

Sincerely

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