

Health and Environment Committee
Parliament House
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To the Chair of the Committee

Thank you for providing the opportunity for Australians to express their opinion on the proposed Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021.

I do not support the introduction of Voluntary Assisted Dying in Queensland and ask that you withdraw the proposed Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. This proposed law is in conflict with fundamental moral principles and ethical principles of medical practice.

Every human being has the right to live from their natural beginning to their natural end. It is inevitable that during this life course every person will experience suffering, which is a necessary part of living with dignity and should direct the person, their loved ones and medical practitioners to seek and provide appropriate life sustaining treatment (including pain relief) or palliative care. Policy and Law Reform decision makers like you must therefore strive to implement laws and policies that protect the right to live with dignity. Such laws and policies would reflect the intrinsic value of human life which cannot and should not be intentionally shortened but instead be provided with medical care that focuses on cure or comfort.

In closing, I wish to request that you withdraw the proposed Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 and focus on introducing Laws and Policies that protect human life, especially at its most vulnerable stages.

Yours sincerely,

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