

Health and Environment Committee

From: Lyn Rankine [REDACTED]
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To: Health and Environment Committee
Subject: Voluntary Euthanasia Proposal

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Attn: Parliamentary Committee

I wish to add a submission re the Assisted Dying Proposal 2021 which you're going to be studying, and from constituents' points of view.

I am very concerned that the Queensland Labor Government is only allowing \$28.5M for the next 6 years for palliative care for end of life people, whilst Palliative Care Q'ld want the State to have \$275M per year available in its coffers to help these people.

A.M.A. President, Dr Chris Perry says more palliative care funding for the dying (in pain) is needed. The AMA don't approve of Euthanasia at all (DO NO HARM perhaps), nor does The Professional Nurses Union.

What I find reprehensible is if this Bill is passed, is that Doctors will be forced to participate in the euthanasia process against their consciences and professional judgment. The Government will be overriding Doctors' wishes, and therefore taking away their rights and freedoms to choose.

This Euthanasia business is open to abuse for the elderly in our community, the cognitively impaired, disabled and anyone not able to adequately fend for themselves. If the AMA and a lot of Nurses don't want it made law, they must be concerned about the possible consequences for society if this bill is enacted as law.

On a personal level, my sister is a Pensioner with a mental illness, and I have a long term disability, and am a Pensioner also. Neither of us would like to be given an injection etc to end our lives without our consent, even if we get a 'bit loopy', or a burden, or get cancer etc. No way. People are precious. Pain can be dealt with by palliative means.

Palliative Care is our choice, and it needs more funding.

Yours sincerely
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Sent: Friday, 2 July 2021 8:50 AM
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I just sent you an email re this bill. I wished to amend a line in it, which had said the Government had allowed \$28.5M for the next 6 years for Palliative Care, whereas I should have said \$28.5M PER YEAR for the next 6 years. I apologise for the omission.

Regards
Lyn Rankine.