

**Health and Environment Committee**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 June 2021 10:48 PM  
**To:** Health and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** A jail term for encouraging life?

Re: A jail term for encouraging life?

Dear Health and Environment Committee,

It defies belief that you could face up to seven years in jail for encouraging someone NOT to kill themselves.

This is what is proposed in the Voluntary Assisted Dying 2021 Bill section 141 - Inducing a person to request, or revoke request for, voluntary assisted dying:

(1) A person must not, dishonestly or by coercion, induce another person to make, or revoke, a request for access to voluntary assisted dying. Maximum penalty—7 years imprisonment. Coercion in the bill is specified as including intimidation or a threat or promise, including by an improper use of a position of trust or influence.

Meanwhile, the Queensland Government wants to make it easier and quicker for anyone to access assisted suicide – even over the phone.

What has happened to the sanctity of life? Or giving people hope? Or supporting them with quality palliative care?

This Bill would have family members or friends jailed for promising to care for their loved one who is contemplating ending their life. It is beyond the pale and I urge you to reject this terrible Bill.

Sincerely,

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