



HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Public Hearing Program

Wednesday 14 July 2021, 11:30am – 5:15pm

Undumbi Room, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe, Brisbane

Times (Approx)	Witnesses
11:30am – 12:00pm	Go Gentle Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">Andrew Denton, Founder (videoconference) – <i>Committee Room 3: Committee Members only</i>
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Break (<i>Committee Members move to Undumbi Room</i>)
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Dying with Dignity, Queensland <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jocelyn Hall, PresidentDr Craig Glasby, Vice PresidentJeanette Wiley, Committee Member
12:45pm – 1:15pm	Health Consumers Queensland <ul style="list-style-type: none">Melissa Fox, Chief Executive Officer Queensland Advocacy Incorporated <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matilda Alexander, Chief Executive OfficerSophie Wiggins, Systems Advocate
1:15pm – 1:45pm	Break
1:45pm – 2:15pm	Queenslanders with Disability Network <ul style="list-style-type: none">Michelle Moss, Director Policy and Strategic Engagement Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">Geoff Rowe, Chief Executive OfficerKaren Williams, Principal Solicitor Dementia Awareness Advocacy Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">Douglas Taylor, Dementia Advocate with Dementia Australia (teleconference)
2:15pm – 2:45pm	Queensland Human Rights Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">Scott McDougall, Human Rights CommissionerSean Costello, Principal Lawyer
2:45pm – 3:15pm	Lutheran Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nick Ryan, Chief Executive Officer Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rev Andrew Gunton, ModeratorRev Dr Adam McIntosh, Associate Director of Mission: Pastoral Care, UnitingCare QueenslandNatalie Clements, Social Justice and Advocacy
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Break

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3:30pm – 4:00pm	Queensland Baptists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev Stewart Pieper, Director of Queensland Baptist Services Australian Christian Churches, Queensland & Northern Territory • Gary Swenson, State Ministries Director
4:00pm – 4:45pm	Cherish Life Queensland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teeshan Johnson, Executive Director • Dr David van Gend, Euthanasia and Palliative Care Spokesperson Australian Christian Lobby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Francis, Qld and NT Director The Right to Life Australia Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Brendan Long, Vice President
4:45pm – 5:15pm	Health Professionals Say No! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Judith McEniery, Qld Representative • A/Professor Maria Cigolini, National Co-ordinator • A/Professor Megan Best, Associate Professor of Bioethics, Institute for Ethics and Society, University of Notre Dame Australia
5:15pm	Close

This hearing will be open to the public* and **broadcast live** on [Parliament TV](#), with footage to remain available for review for 12 months after the live broadcast. A transcript of the proceedings will also be published in due course.

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