



DEVELOPING A LAW FOR VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING IN QUEENSLAND



NOV 2018

Referred to a

parliamentary committee

The Parliament referred an inquiry into aged care, end-of-life and palliative care, and voluntary assisted dying to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee.



NOV 2018 - MAR 2020

Inquiry conducted

The committee:

- received 4719 written submissions
- conducted 34 public hearings across Queensland
- heard from 502 invited witnesses.



MAR 2020

Report tabled

The committee found that, on balance, the Queensland community and health practitioners are supportive of voluntary assisted dying and for it to be legislated in Queensland.



MAY 2020

Referred to the Queensland Law Reform Commission

The Queensland Government asked the Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC) to develop an appropriate legislative scheme for voluntary assisted dying in Queensland and prepare draft legislation.



MAY 2021

Bill introduced to Parliament

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 was introduced into the Parliament by the Premier and was referred to the Health and Environment Committee.



MAY 2020 - MAY 2021

QLRC Review

The QLRC published a consultation paper calling for submissions. 126 submissions were received. The QLRC made 197 recommendations for a legal framework for voluntary assisted dying in Queensland and prepared a Draft Bill.



MAY - AUG 2021

Inquiry into the Bill

The Health and Environment Committee will conduct an inquiry, call for submissions on the Bill and hold public hearings and briefings.



2 JUL 2021

Submissions close

2 July 2021 is the last day the committee will accept submissions on the Bill.



AUG 2021

Committee reports to Parliament

The Health and Environment Committee will table its report so that the information gathered and the committee's consideration of the Bill is publicly available.



1 JAN 2023

When will voluntary assisted dying become available in Queensland?

The Premier stated in her explanatory speech to Parliament, that if the Bill passes, voluntary assisted dying will be available from 1 January 2023 for people who are eligible.



Will the Bill become law? If

the Bill is passed by the Parliament, it will become law.



Bill is debated

The Parliament will debate the Bill.