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STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE

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Parliamentary inquiry opens into the NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

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The NSW Upper House has referred to the Standing Committee on Law and Justice an inquiry into the provisions of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. The bill seeks to:

- enable eligible persons with a terminal illness to access voluntary assisted dying
- establish a procedure for, and regulate access to, voluntary assisted dying
- establish the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board to oversee matters relating to voluntary assisted dying.

The bill is currently being considered by the NSW Legislative Assembly, and if it passes that House, it will then come to the Legislative Council for consideration.

The Chair of the Law and Justice committee, the Hon Wes Fang MLC, commented: "The committee recognises the public interest in this inquiry, which will allow community members to have their say on this important and deeply felt issue. The committee's report is intended to inform the Upper House's consideration of the bill".

The committee's reporting date is the first sitting day in 2022. This date will become known when the House adopts the 2022 sitting calendar in November.

There will be three public hearings for this inquiry, held on Wednesday 8 December, Friday 10 December and Monday 13 December. Full schedules will be published on the inquiry's webpage at www.bit.ly/VAD-inquiry closer to the time, and all hearings will be streamed live via the Parliament's website at www.bit.ly/webcastnsw.

Have your say

Members of the community are welcome to have their say on this bill via the online questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XRQNHFZ>. The closing date for online questionnaire is **22 November 2021**.

For more information about the inquiry, including the committee membership and the terms of reference, see www.bit.ly/VAD-inquiry.

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For further information, please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Wes Fang MLC, on (02) 9230 2888.