

**Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE VOLUNTARY  
ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021**

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I believe VAD urgently needs to be passed. People are undergoing horrendous suffering every day. My own brave husband passed with Motor Neurone Disease last year. Imagine for a moment it's your partner or your child.

Unable to move unable to talk, to ask for a drink to say your in pain to ask for a pan.. Fed through a tube in your stomach, breathing through a ventilator,, suffering severe constipation, mouth thrush, hallucinations. Using a machine to help you cough and another to suck out the constant saliva. Biting your cheeks until they bleed.

These symptoms and many more are suffered by people with MND every day.

How can you deny them the choice to die peacefully with their Family by their side.

Your living in denial if you think Palliative Care can help with all this.