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Queensland is about to become the only state in Australia that forces people or workplaces to participate in voluntary assisted dying against their will.

Members of the Queensland Parliament are seeking to make history by being the only jurisdiction in Australia that actually forces people or workplaces against their will to participate in voluntary assisted dying.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill will undermine rather than uphold the values that are at the heart of what our hospitals, aged care homes and accommodation supporting people with disabilities have been doing for more than a century - giving compassionate care to Queenslanders.

If it is passed this Bill will:

- **Deny** patients, residents and staff the choice of living and working in hospitals, and aged care facilities where voluntary assisted dying is not provided.
- **Force** voluntary assisted dying on hospitals, and aged care facilities with deep ethical objections to it.
- **Enable** doctors with no relationships to that hospital, aged care home and accommodation supporting people with disabilities to gain entry and administer lethal substances to patients or residents, without having to inform anyone.

- **Ignore** the emotional impact and trauma that this will inevitably have on the patients, residents and staff who work there.
- **Expose** people to criminal investigation if they discuss other options to voluntary assisted dying with their loved ones or those that they provide care for.

This is wrong and goes against everything that Queenslanders hold dear.

That's why our MPs must do everything they can to:

- **Protect** a hospital or aged care home's values and not force them to offer voluntary assisted dying.
- **Reassure** patients and residents that no one will go against their will and pressure them to consider taking their life.
- **Require** hospitals and aged care homes to be informed if a doctor or other medical professional is entering their premises for voluntary assisted dying purposes.
- **Involve** the hospital in conversations around the transfer of the patient to a place where they are able to access voluntary assisted dying.

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