

Subject: Regional, rural and remote healthcare in NSW

Dear [Name]

I am writing to ask you to reject the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (Greenwich Bill)*, which Alex Greenwich MP has released for public consultation. The Greenwich Bill aims to legalise both euthanasia and assisted suicide in New South Wales.

Mr Greenwich and others who push for legalised euthanasia and assisted suicide in NSW in the name of end-of-life choice.

However, the full picture of health care availability and end-of-life choices available to NSW residents, particularly those in regional, rural and remote NSW is not yet available.

A current NSW Legislative Council Committee inquiry into health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote NSW (**Inquiry**) is currently underway, with hearings continuing until December and the Committee's report not due until next year.

While there is still a long way to go in this Inquiry, submissions and testimony so far have outlined the lack of ordinary health care, not to mention palliative care, in rural, regional and remote parts of the state.

Legalising euthanasia and assisted suicide in the state before the Inquiry concludes and the full picture of access to health care in rural, regional and remote NSW is realised is irresponsible, and shows that the push for 'choice' by euthanasia advocates is nothing but a veneer.

Please reject the Greenwich Bill.

Thank you.