

Subject: This bill is much more dangerous than others

Dear [Name]

I am opposed to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (Greenwich Bill)*, released by Alex Greenwich MP for public consultation in July.

The Greenwich Bill removes more than a dozen protections that were present in the bill rejected by the NSW Parliament in 2017 (**2017 Bill**).

These are just a few examples:

- The two doctors required to sign off on a patient's death are no longer required to be independent of each other. Independence was required in the 2017 Bill;
- Neither doctor signing off on a patient's death needs to be a specialist in the illness they are suffering. At least one needed to be a specialist in the 2017 Bill;
- The doctors do not even need to meet and examine the patient in-person; they can sign-off on a patient's death via telehealth. The 2017 Bill required both doctors to meet the patient;
- The 2017 Bill required a mandatory psychological assessment of the patient. The Greenwich Bill requires no mental health assessment;
- The 2017 Bill required mandatory reporting to the coroner; the Greenwich Bill removes this requirement.

There are many others.

If the NSW Parliament rejected a much stricter bill in 2017, it is outrageous to think that MPs would countenance passing a much more dangerous bill just four years later.

As a state, we can do better than an unsafe euthanasia and assisted suicide regime.

Please vote 'no' to the Greenwich Bill.

Thank you.