

Subject: Now is not the time for euthanasia

Dear [NAME]

I am writing to ask you to not only vote against the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (Greenwich Bill)*, but to resist any moves to have it debated in Parliament.

The outbreak of the Delta variant of COVID-19 has been described as a 'national emergency' by both Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant.

It has caused untold suffering to individuals and families, particularly in the Local Government Areas subject to the strictest lockdowns.

There is a greater sense of isolation and desperation experienced by so many people, evident in the fact that on Monday, 2 August, Lifeline recorded the highest number of calls in a single day in its 58-year history.

This isolation is being felt especially in the sick and elderly, with hospital visits either banned or restricted to one person per stay, and those in aged care or living in retirement villages once again deprived of visits from friends and relatives.

There is never a good time to push euthanasia and assisted suicide, but trying to push a pro-suicide message at this moment is especially callous. It is also irresponsible to use up valuable NSW Parliamentary debate time on a contentious social issue, when so much more is at stake.

Please resist any debate of the Greenwich Bill, and vote 'no' if it does come before Parliament.

Thank you.