



Update May 15 2022

Since the April update, DWDQ has contacted all 30 Queensland federal members of the Lower House and all 168 federal Lower House candidates.

It was explained that the Queensland VAD Act (2021) states that VAD is NOT suicide. However, DWDQ believes that the section of the Commonwealth Criminal Code Act (amended 2005) which states that it is an offence to use a *carriage service* "to incite or promote suicide" needs to be amended, in order to remove any uncertainty for health professionals who are prepared to be involved.

The incumbent members and candidates were asked the following:

If you are re-elected/elected, can we count on your support to seek an amendment to this Act?

They were asked to reply to our email with a **yes / no / unsure, need more information.**

Many responses were received from many of the current federal members and also from the candidates of almost all parties.

A thank you was bestowed on the members and supporters who replied to the last update and offered to contact the member and candidates in their area.

On Wednesday 4 May 2022 the Queensland Government Implementation Team hosted an information webinar on the implementation of Voluntary Assisted Dying in Queensland. The information session started at 12 mid-day and was free to attend.

During the webinar your questions were discuss:

- Queensland's *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021*
- What will be delivered on 1 January 2023
- Insights from Victoria and Western Australia
- Considerations for implementation
- How to become an authorised Voluntary Assisted Dying practitioner.

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