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Voluntary Assisted Dying Position Statement

Preamble

The *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021 (Queensland)* was passed in September 2021 and commenced operation on the 1st January 2023.

The Act allows private entities to choose not to participate in the provision of Voluntary Assisted Dying Services.

As a Christ-centred organisation, Peninsula Palms does not provide Voluntary Assisted Dying services.

Our decision not to participate in Voluntary Assisted Dying services was based on our Christian faith and Peninsula Palms' Purpose, Vision and Values.

Peninsula Palms will not:

- Facilitate or participate in assessments undertaken for the purpose of Voluntary Assisted Dying
- Provide (or facilitate the provision of) a substance for the same purpose
- Intentionally inflict death on resident (that is provide euthanasia) nor intentionally assist residents to take their own life.

Peninsula Palms will:

- Empower a resident (or substitute decision maker) to actively participate in decision-making regarding their end of life treatment and care.
- Address the physical, spiritual, psychological and social needs of residents, including existential distress with the goal of reducing suffering.
- Actively listen to and accompany any person who is nearing end of life and will not abandon anyone who is in need of care.
- Provide a person access to information and practitioners as per obligations under the Act.