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Euthanasia campaigner Nitschke investigated over more deaths

by Julie-Anne Davies, Sydney Morning Herald, 28Sept14
Embattled euthanasia campaigner Dr Philip Nitschke is being investigated by police in every Australian state over his possible role in nearly 20 deaths in the past three years, all of them apparently suicides.

The latest investigation, by Victoria Police, concerns the death of a 55-year-old Geelong man who allegedly killed himself using a do-it-yourself kit bought though a company affiliated with Exit International, the pro-euthanasia organisation founded by Dr Nitschke.

All of the deaths being investigated involved the use of the two suicide methods promoted by Dr Nitschke, the lethal drug, Nembutal or a nitrogen inhalant device...

Full Sydney Morning Herald article

Max Bromson
Nembutal Test Kit
Now Available

In the last year of his life cancer sufferer, Max Bromson, worked with Exit to develop a simpler, user-friendly test kit for the quantitative testing of Chinese Nembutal.
Max had a strong interest in technical issues & in 2013 made a number of suggestions on how the original home test kit developed by Exit could be improved.

Max wanted Exit members like himself to be able to carry out the test in the privacy of their own home.

Max said he would be honoured to have the new test kit named in his memory.

**Bromson Test Kit available @ Exit Store**

Euthanasia is a rational option for prisoners facing the torture of life in jail

by Philip Nitschke, *The Guardian*, 27Sep14

Life in prison with no parole is tantamount to torture, and a civilised Australia shouldn’t support it. This is why we should follow Belgium’s lead, and help prisoners to die.

In 2007, at a bioethics forum at the University of Tasmania, I made what I thought was a fairly common sense statement: if the Port Arthur mass murderer, Martin Bryant, wants
euthanasia, the state should not stand in his way.

For both political and justice reasons, Bryant is unlikely to ever be released from Risdon prison. His punishment for killing 35 people that awful day at Port Arthur is 35 life sentences.

As Chief Justice William Cox told Bryant in true penal colony style, “you are sentenced to imprisonment for the term of your natural life … let him stand down”. It was not long after the verdict that the media began reporting Bryant’s all too regular attempts to kill himself....

Read Philip's Guardian Op Ed

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NSW psychiatrist seeks Nitschke's De-registration

Dr Christopher Ryan, a psychiatrist at Westmead Hospital, has lodged a formal complaint with the Medical Board of Australia seeking the de-registration of Dr Philip Nitschke.

In his lengthy submission to the Medical Board, Dr Ryan bases his decision to complain to the Medical Board on a
media report about the suicide of alleged serial killer Nigel Brayley. Amongst other things, Dr Ryan claims Dr Nitschke:

"in some fashion, provided information facilitating Mr Brayley's access to a pharmaceutical agent, with the knowledge that Mr Brayley might use this agent to end his life and that this violates accepted professional standards".

Read the full text of Ryan's complaint, along with his recent submission to the Senate where he argues that a mandatory psychiatric review of the person requesting euthanasia and a cooling off period is essential, and that all mental illness should disqualify a person from the right to euthanasia until the illness resolves.

[Read Ryan's full attack on Dr Nitschke]

UK Tabloid Calls Exit a 'suicide club'
A ‘suicide club’ that provides advice and equipment to help people kill themselves has been reportedly set up in Britain.

Exit International, which campaigns to legalise euthanasia, has opened a London office to ‘cope with demand’ after its UK membership hit 1,000.

The group, which charges members a fee to access online information and attend workshops to discuss ‘peaceful’ methods of suicide, has attracted fierce criticism in Australia, where it was originally set up.

Unlike other advocates of assisted dying, Exit does not campaign only on behalf of the terminally ill.

It also aims to help older people simply ‘tired of life’ kill themselves using drugs or gas, in what it terms ‘rational suicide’...

Cruel & Usual Punishment: Humane Alternative to Prison?
Prison time is a very severe punishment. John Stuart Mill likened it to being consigned to a living tomb. Any society that employs it should do so with care and restraint. Yet we do not.

Partly because we think that prison is a humane punishment, it is drastically over-used in many countries, to the point of cruelty. Aside from failing in humanity, prison does not even perform well at the specific functions generally asked of a criminal justice system - namely, deterrence, retribution, security and rehabilitation...

A truly humane approach to punishment must consider the severity of the punishment from the convict's perspective, the undramatic but unrelenting mental suffering that a life sentence means. If we are too cowardly to execute them ourselves, we should at least allow such prisoners to end their lives and their suffering, as the euthanasia rights activist Philip Nitschke has recently argued...

Read more @ ABC 'Religion & Ethics'
More hoax Nembutal sale websites claim Exit link

This month has seen an avalanche of email from people upset when their attempt to purchase Nembutal “from our website” failed and they were cheated and lost their money.

As reported in the October 2014 Update of the Peaceful Pill eHandbook, websites such as www.peacefulexit.com (above) are fake and set up with the sole purpose of defrauding those who try to purchase the drug from them.

Peacefulexit.com has used images stolen from Exit International and The Peaceful Pill eHandbook to give the appearance of a website that is endorsed and sponsored by Exit.

The site is a scam. The only thing “100% Guaranteed” is that you will lose your money if you deal with these cheats.

Victorian Election Update: Election Day is 29 November 2014
If you are voting in the Victorian State Election in the Upper House Electorates of either:

- Northern Metropolitan
- Southern Metropolitan
- Eastern Metropolitan
- South Eastern Metropolitan
- Eastern Victoria

**Vote 1 Voluntary Euthanasia Party**

For the first time in Victoria, the Voluntary Euthanasia is standing 10 candidates across 5 Upper House electoral regions.

Make your vote count by placing "1" in the VEP box above the line.

*For more information on VEP's Victorian Campaign & Candidates - Please visit www.vepvic.org*

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**The Exit Pulse:**
**Workshops, Events and Forums**

**WORKSHOPS COMING UP**

**Melbourne, Nov 27**

1pm, Phoenix Park Centre
MALVERN
EAST, Vic
Brisbane, Dec 9
10am, Kurilpa Hall, WEST END, Qld

More workshops details

PEACEFUL PILL UPDATE
October 1 Update
Ch5: Lung Function Screening
Use of Spirometry for those considering using Max Dog Nitrogen?
Ch14: Mexican Nembutal - Major mail-order player closes (temporarily).

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