MEDIA RELEASE

New assisted suicide strategies for Perth

Elderly to be taught new end of life methods

Interest generated by the publicity surrounding the courageous actions of Dr Lancee in helping her patient to die has generated considerable interest in the coming Exit workshop on DIY strategies for a successful suicide to be held this coming Friday.

Dr Philip Nitschke, now a permanent resident on The Netherlands, will return to Australia to run the course. Much of the new material on DIY euthanasia comes from developments in Europe and North America.

Speaking from Amsterdam, Dr Nitschke said that much of the debate now focussed on the right of all elderly to electively end their own life at the time of their choosing.

“In the Netherlands there is active debate on the issue of a ‘Peaceful Pill’ being issued to all those over 70y. And what we’re finding is a growing number of elderly taking just this step themselves, by safely accessing the best end of life drugs on the internet.”

Dr Nitschke said that Exit was now expecting well over 100 elderly West Australians to attend the seminar. Emphasis will be placed on recent developments that make the internet purchase of high quality end of life drugs simpler and legally safer.

“The growth in demand by the elderly for end of life drugs has been nothing short of spectacular, and the market has changed to accommodate this demand. And while the elderly greatly appreciate the work done by courageous doctors, they know that the only certain way of ensuring complete control is to obtain access to the drugs themselves.

“The Perth workshop will provide those attending with that necessary information”

Dr Nitschke is in Australia to coordinate the world’s first conference on rational suicide to be held in Melbourne at the State library on the 20th anniversary of the death of terminal patient Bob Dent in Darwin. On 22nd Sept 1996 Bob Dent became the first person in the world to receive a legal, lethal, voluntary injection under the sort lived NT “Rights of the terminally Ill” Act.
Titled “Voluntary Euthanasia to Rational Suicide” the conference features a number of international and local experts talking on the evolution of the euthanasia debate over the last 20 years, from a restrictive model for the terminally ill, to the growing concept of a peaceful reliable death being a fundamental human right.

For Details see: https://exitinternational.net/docs/VERSbrochure.pdf

The WA Workshop will be on **Fri Sept 9th @ 10am, Jim Satchell Centre, Light St, Dianella, Perth.**

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