

MEDIA RELEASE

New Euthanasia Nitrogen to be shown at London Workshop

The decision by Customs and Border Protection Officers to allow Exit International Director, Dr Philip Nitschke, to enter the UK, and to bring with him important items for display at the first European "Nitro & Nembutal" Workshop has meant that the event will proceed as planned on Tuesday 25.

Dr Nitschke was detained for over two hours yesterday when he was intercepted as his flight from Australia via Dubai landed at Gatwick Airport. Although searched and questioned, he was allowed to keep the items to be used for demonstration at the planned voluntary euthanasia workshop. These included a gas flow regulator for the new Max Dog Nitrogen method.

Also seized for examination were a Nembutal purity test and a secondary Nembutal storage kit. While the latter is used to ensure long shelf-life of the drug, Exit's new Dilution Purity Test Kit - due to be launched next month - will enable those in possession of liquid or powder Nembutal from Mexico or China to test the purity of the drug in the privacy of their own home.

Speaking from London, Dr Philip Nitschke said that there was a growing need to provide people with the means for a reliable and peaceful death given the ongoing failure of the legislative process to enact laws that reflect people's wishes.

"When there is no legal way a suffering person can get help to die, the ability to use methods that are reliable and don't require outside assistance becomes paramount. Suicide itself is not a crime under British law" Dr Nitschke said.

Exit International's European Coordinator, Mr Tom Curran, will be guest speaker at the planned free public meeting. Tom's partner, Marie Fleming suffers from Multiple Sclerosis. Marie recently lost a case in the Irish Supreme Court where she had sought a ruling on whether Tom could legally help her end her life should she so choose.

"With the courts turning their back on people like Tom and Marie, there is no better example of why reliable self-help strategies are so critical at the current time".

Dr Nitschke will use the workshop to discuss and demonstrate the new Max Dog Nitrogen system which is now available in the UK. While offering a peaceful, reliable and lawful means of ending one's life, the method also offers one unique benefit: it is totally undetectable, even with examination at autopsy.

The workshop which will follow the public meeting is open all those who are over 50 years and of sound mind and/or those suffering from serious illness.

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10.30am - 1.30pm, Tuesday 25 June 2013 Dragon Hall 17 Stukeley St London WC2B 5LT *(Tube: Holborn)*

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