



MEDIA RELEASE

Euthanasia drugs to avoid murder charge?

Exit Member Nigel Brayley, attended a Perth Exit Workshop in February 2014, and purchased the banned Peaceful Pill eHandbook.

He spoke to Exit Director Philip Nitschke on the day that he was interested in ensuring that he had access to the means of a peaceful and reliable death as a future contingency. Due to his background, he said he had seen much more of life than most people his age.

Posting in the Exit Peaceful Pill Forums, Nigel later described how he had successfully obtained internet Nembutal from China, and that he had also used an Exit test kit to establish that the product obtained was pure.

In April 2014, Nigel wrote to Dr Nitschke giving details of a raid on his home by WA police. Although telling him they were “concerned for his well-being”, they used a warrant to search his premises looking for Nembutal. None was found.

In a subsequent email Nigel wrote to Dr Nitschke, saying he was preparing to end his life. He wrote,

“I am not ashamed by my decision to exit or the reasons for it, however I don't honestly fit neatly under Exits charter of supporting a terminal medical illness however i am suffering and have been now for some 9 months now. I have sought medical and other forms of assistance but they are unable to help. All recognise and accept that my life will never be the same and that its only going to get worse and I am not prepared to risk my families financial security and happyness by continuing along this same path. I am 45 years old but have travelled and experienced more of this world than most people twice my age. I have a beautiful wife who is still young enough to move on and find happiness again and its this knowledge and my desire for this to happen that makes my decision so much more easier.”

Following his death, it was revealed that Nigel Brayley was being investigated for his alleged involvement in the death of his former wife Lina Brayley, whose body was found at the foot of a Perth quarry in 2011. Police are apparently seeking to speak to a man seen with her in her last hours.

Dr Nitschke said today that while Mr Brayley's situation was an unusual, it was entirely understandable. He said he fully supported Nigel Brayley's right to access information about end of life methods that were proven reliable and peaceful.

“Mr Brayley's death appears to be a clear case of rational suicide. While Exit may not condone his reasons for talking this step, we fully support his right to be able to exercise this option.”

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