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**Exit International** is the largest end-of-life choices organisation in Australia and New Zealand. Founded by Dr Philip Nitschke in 1997, Exit International conducts meetings and workshops in both countries regularly. In the first half of 2008 over 1000 people have attended the 20 workshops held.

Exit International regularly holds voluntary euthanasia conferences of note. In 2008, Exit is holding New Zealand's first voluntary euthanasia conference in Christchurch. The theme of this conference is 'Voluntary Euthanasia Matters'.

**Hotel So Conference Centre  
165 Cashel St  
Christchurch  
New Zealand**

**Saturday 5 July 2008**

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**Voluntary Euthanasia  
Matters**

**Hotel So, Christchurch**

5 July 2008

## Conference Program

### 9.15am Conference Registrations

9.45 - 10.45am

#### **Conference Welcome & Introduction The Future of Voluntary Euthanasia**

Dr Philip Nitschke – Director, Exit International

### 10.45 – 11.15am Morning Tea

11.15am - 12 noon

#### **Censorship in New Zealand - Do New Zealanders have a right to end-of-life information?**

Ms Bridget Ross, Kensington Swan Law Firm

12 – 12.45pm

#### **Dying in Switzerland: a Personal Account Using the Dignitas Service**

Mrs Angelika Elliott & Dr Fiona Stewart

### 12.45pm – 1.45pm Lunch

1.45 – 2.45pm -

#### **The Ethical Responsibility of Abiding by Living Wills: A Medical Perspective**

Professor Grant Gillett, Professor of Medical Ethics, University of Dunedin

### 2.45 - 3pm 15 Minute Break

3 – 3.45pm -

#### **Reporting Voluntary Euthanasia How the Media Deals with Moral Issues**

Murray McLaughlin, former Investigative Journalist with TVNZ

3.45 - 4.30pm

#### **Conference Summing up & Close**

Dr Philip Nitschke – Director, Exit International

### 4.30pm Post Conference Drinks

## Conference Speakers

### **Mrs Angelika Elliott** - In January 2007

Angelika Elliott accompanied her dying husband to Switzerland where Dr John Elliott made use of the assisted suicide service, Dignitas. Angelika will give an eye-witness account of the Dignitas experience.

**Professor Grant Gillett** MBChB (equivalent to MD); MSc(Psychology); D.Phil (Oxon); FRACS (equivalent to Board Certification in Neurosurgery); FRS NZ.

Grant Gillett is a Professor of Medical Ethics at the Bioethics Centre of the Medical School, and teaches in the Philosophy Department at Otago University. He is the author of *The Mind and its Discontents* (1999), and *Bioethics in the clinic: Hippocratic reflections* (2004) as well as numerous articles in general philosophy, philosophy of mind, medical ethics, philosophy of psychiatry, and philosophical theology. He is a member of the NZMA Ethics Committee and of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Ethics Committee. He is the author of over 200 scholarly articles and seven books. He is at the moment actively working on philosophical and ethical issues surrounding human identity and action, biomedical ethics and cultural reality, and subjectivity in medicine. His forthcoming book is *Being Somebody: Subjectivity, identity and neuroethics*.

**Mr Murray McLaughlin** - Murray McLaughlin is the award-winning Darwin correspondent for the ABC's nightly flagship news and current affairs program, *The 7.30 Report*. In 1996 when working for the investigative program *4 Corners*, Murray made the haunting 'Road to Nowhere' which documented the fruitless car trip of Broken Hill taxi driver Max Bell.

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**Mr Murray McLaughlin** (cont) - Dying of cancer, Max sought to become the first person to use the Northern Territory's *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act*. This episode of *4 Corners* is credited with swaying specialist doctors to break ranks and support the subsequent application of another cancer sufferer Bob Dent to use the same law.

Prior to joining the ABC, Murray was a member of TVNZ's *Frontline* team which created the controversial episode 'For the Public Good'. He is also well known for his writings in *The Listener*.

**Dr Philip Nitschke** - is the Director of Exit International. In 1997, he became the first doctor in the world to administer a legal, lethal, voluntary injection. His patient was Darwin man Bob Dent who was dying of prostate cancer. Bob Dent always maintained he was in the right place at the right time.

**Ms Bridget Ross** - is an Associate in Kensington Swan's Government Relations and Disputes Resolutions team, advising both private and government clients on their rights and obligations. Bridget is part of the legal team working to enable *The Peaceful Pill Handbook* to be distributed in New Zealand.

**Dr Fiona Stewart** - is the Executive Director of Exit International. A sociologist by profession, she is the co-author of *Killing Me Softly: Voluntary Euthanasia and the Road to the Peaceful Pill* (Penguin 2005) and *The Peaceful Pill Handbook* (Exit International US Ltd, 2007).