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New Mexican Drug Options To Headline Voluntary Euthanasia Workshop in Newcastle

Voluntary Euthanasia advocate Dr Philip Nitschke will be holding a public meeting and workshop in Newcastle on Thursday 10 April at Trades Hall.

Dr Nitschke is fresh back from a trip to Mexico where he accompanied mesothelioma sufferer Don Flounders and his wife Iris who bought, then smuggled, the lethal drug Nembutal back into Australia (as seen on Channel 7 News). The Exit public meeting will focus on recent news from this part of the world and the role that lethal drugs play in the end of life choices debate. Several new short pieces of film outlining this new Mexican information will be shown.

The Public Meeting (held immediately prior to the workshop) will give an overview of the law and the lawful options which currently exist for the elderly and people who are seriously ill. The workshop will provide a safe and confidential forum for Q&As on the very practical aspects of end of life choices.

“While many commentators keep talking about the need for a Voluntary Euthanasia law, most members of our organization say they don’t have the time to wait. These people are demanding information for the short term” said Dr Nitschke from Darwin.

“Most often, people who attend our meetings are of a generation who have witnessed parents, partners and friends die, some of them horribly. Our workshops provide an outline of peaceful, reliable and obtainable options.

“For most people, thinking about these issues is simply about being organised for the future. Many elderly people have planned or prepaid for their funerals. Thinking about and planning for how one might die is an extension of this type of thinking.

The 2008 workshop series focuses on the latest news from Mexico where Nembutal is widely and legally available over the counter from veterinary pharmacies. Other topics covered include the Exit Bag and the DIY Single Shot peaceful pill project.

The meetings and workshops make wide use of Exit’s YouTube.com videos, some of which Federal Law prohibits being screened in a public place (in which case stills from the films are shown).

The Newcastle meeting will be held at the Trades Hall Conference Room at 2pm on Thursday 10 April 2008.

Public meetings are free and open to all. Workshops are restricted to the over 50s. Workshops are free for Exit members (\$50 for public).

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