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EXIT euthanasia projects saved by NZ offer

The news today that the national NZ Voluntary Euthanasia Society (VESNZ) has pledged support for Exit International has been welcomed by Exit Director Dr Philip Nitschke

“Exit is under constant attack in Australia from the Howard Government. Nothing makes this clearer than the passage last month of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2005 which will make it an offence to talk on the phone to our members about their end-of-life options.

While the Australian government is prepared to abandon free speech amongst elderly and sick Australians so it can pander to the interests of the religious right in the country, there is fortunately no such similar moves in New Zealand”.

Dr Nitschke praised the NZ voluntary euthanasia society and its president Jack Jones for recognising the severe impediments the Australian Government is seeking to place before Exit and for offering Exit a way forward.

"We all need friends and there are none better than NZ's national Right-to-Die organisation. This support of the VESNZ will be vital when we prepare to run a series of NZ workshops later this year. These workshops will culminate with an opportunity for NZ members to join the Peanut Project and make their own Peaceful (euthanasia) Pill", said Dr Nitschke

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