



MEDIA RELEASE

Police Raid Exit Melbourne Office ... again!

At approximately 2.15pm today, Melbourne Homicide Squad detectives raided the Melbourne office of voluntary euthanasia group, Exit International.

The search warrant presented to Exit National Coordinator, Lindy Boyd, concerned the death on 8 May of Inger Rijn, formerly of South Yarra.

The reason for the search as per the search warrant is 'aiding a suicide'.

The search warrant was signed by Detective Senior Sergeant Ron Iddles.

Exit Director, Dr Philip Nitschke said the raid caused unnecessary disruption to the daily operation of the administrative headquarters of Exit and stress to Exit staff and volunteers.

Speaking from Sydney, Dr Nitschke said "it is totally unnecessary for the police to pounce on our office unannounced. In reality, they need only pick up the phone if they wish us to provide details about a deceased member of our organization.

"This is not the first time the police have arrived at our office out of the blue. The same happened in November 2009 over the suicide of another Exit member.

"The police should bear in mind, Exit is not some clandestine organization that operates underground.

"We would certainly welcome a more respectful approach by authorities when it comes to matters of crime"

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