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### **Media Release**

#### ***Film details first trials of "Peaceful Pill"***

The push towards the development of a self-constructed "Peaceful Pill" is detailed in Janine Hosking's documentary film "Mademoiselle and the Doctor" which has its world premiere at the Sydney Film Festival this weekend (Sunday 13 & Monday 1). The US release will follow in Washington DC on 1 June. Dr Nitschke will carry out Q&A sessions after the screenings in Sydney and Washington DC.

EXIT has carried out the first of a series of planned trials on the self-constructed "Peaceful Pill". The pill will provide anyone who can manufacture it, with a peaceful reliable and legal death. It was a project of importance to Nancy Crick.

Speaking from Darwin, EXIT director Dr Philip Nitschke said that pressure to develop the pill had been relentless since the overturning of the world's first voluntary euthanasia law in the Northern Territory.

"The average age of our EXIT members is 74 years, and they want end-of-life options now. They can't just keep on waiting indefinitely for politicians to do their job".

The manufacturing process, makes use of readily available ingredients such as nicotine and alcohol and takes some days, but requires only the facilities of an average kitchen.

"No government will be able to bring itself to ban these substances, so I think the process is safe. And if people can do it all themselves, with no help, there is no breach of the law" said Dr Nitschke,

"It's important to understand why there is such a demand for the Pill from elderly Australian", Dr Nitschke said, "and the film explains this".  
Filming was carried out during the trialing of the manufacturing process.

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