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Media Release

“Killers” to be interviewed by Hinch

In a unique event planned for Sat 31st May, three people currently under investigation by the authorities for ending the life of a person they loved, will be interviewed by journalist and social commentator, Derryn Hinch.

This unusual interview forms part of EXIT Australia’s “Killing me Softly, Love, Death and Dying in Australia” conference scheduled for next weekend in Sydney. The interview will take place at the conference dinner to be held at the **Mercure Hotel on Saturday 31 May**.

Also at the dinner will be the presentation of the third Bob Dent Award. The Bob Dent award is presented every two years and recognises special achievement and endeavour in the struggle to achieve voluntary euthanasia. The award is named in honour of Bob Dent, the first person in the world to receive a voluntary legal lethal injection, and will be presented by his widow, Judy Dent. Previous winners include Green Senator Bob Brown and the manager of the Downtowner on Lygon, Tim Nicholls.

Derryn Hinch will have the opportunity to explore in detail the thoughts and concerns of NZ author Lesley Martin, who is currently on bail awaiting trial for the attempted murder of her mother. Retired Gosford plumber and nurse, Fred Thompson who helped his terminally ill wife of 40 years stricken with multiple sclerosis to end her life, and 84 yr old Ralph Vincent, who is under investigation by the NZ authorities for helping his wife use a plastic bag to end her suffering. A fourth panel member, Alex Maxwell from Melbourne, had to withdraw when his sentencing in the Victorian supreme court for the assisted suicide of his wife Margaret, was delayed.

The *Killing me Softly* conference is **restricted to 160 delegates**. **Many of these will** attend the dinner to hear the thoughts of those caught up in the difficult legal environment that surrounds the vexed issue of voluntary euthanasia in Australia and New Zealand.

Representatives from the media are invited to attend the dinner

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