

Local Man Helps Form Euthanasia Campaign

LOCAL resident Ian Wood has helped form a campaign for legal voluntary euthanasia with stringent safeguards.

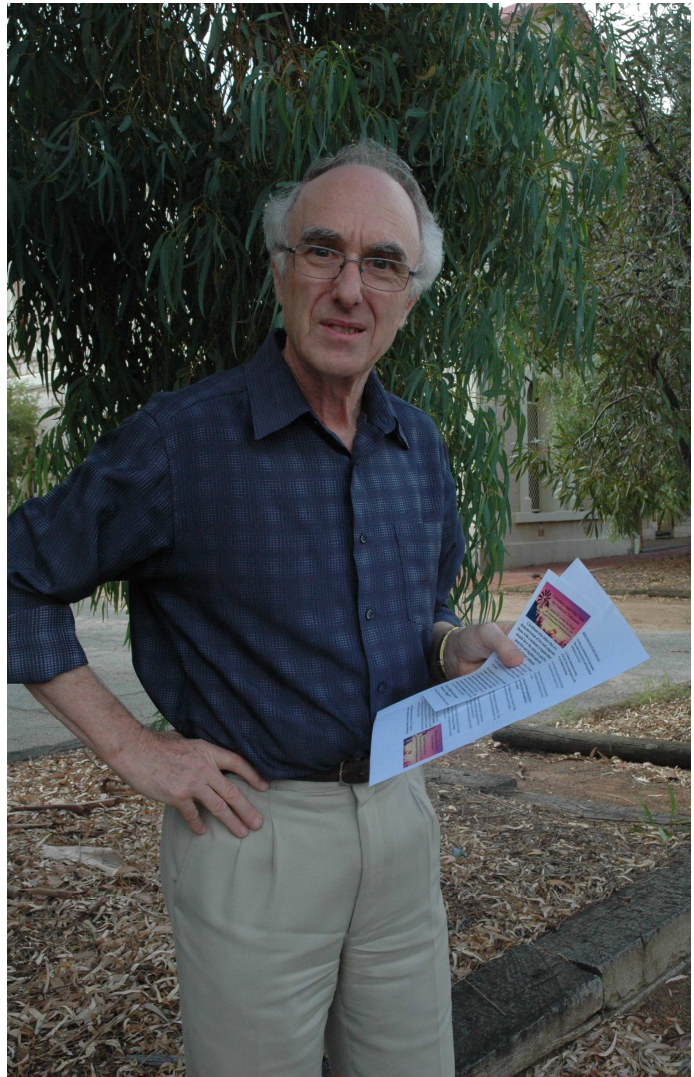
The campaign, called Christians Supporting Choice for Voluntary Euthanasia, has gained momentum with supporters from South Australia, Australia and overseas.

Co-ordinator of the lobby group, Mr Wood, 67, said one of the deciding factors for him to form the group was a photo he had seen of a French woman who had a rare and painful form of intranasal bone cancer.

“People fortunate enough to be living in the Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium, Oregon or Washington State would not have to endure such agony”, he said.

He said the time has come to put love and compassion for a fellow human ahead of any theological differences of opinion.

Mr Wood said some diseases, such as motor neurone disease, were a prime example of why voluntary euthanasia should be legal.



Mr Ian Wood with campaign leaflets

“In this sort of illness it is usually death by choking and people should die humanely with love and compassion.”

He said the group wanted voluntary euthanasia that would be strictly controlled and only available to people with terminal or hopeless illnesses.

Mr Wood said they would try and get more support before approaching parliament.

“Voluntary euthanasia is a choice and people are being denied a choice,” he added.

Mr Wood said he did not want people left to suffer, but wanted them to have as much of a good life as possible.

People can contact Mr Wood by sending an email to: ChristiansforVE@westnet.com.au

Photo caption: ENDING SUFFERING... Local man Ian Wood wants to make voluntary euthanasia legal so people are not left to suffer.

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