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PHILIP NITSCHKE TO STAND IN MENZIES

Euthanasia Set to Haunt Kevin Andrews Again

Voluntary Euthanasia campaigner and supporter for choice, Dr Philip Nitschke announced today that he will stand in the forthcoming Federal election against the member for the Victorian seat of Menzies, Immigration Minister, The Hon. Kevin Andrews.

Dr Nitschke stood against Kevin Andrews in 1998 to draw attention to the *MPs* role in the overturning of the *NT Rights of the Terminally Ill Act* of 1996, the world's first Voluntary Euthanasia law.

Dr Nitschke's 1998 Campaign, attracted nearly 10% of the primary vote in Menzies which forced Andrews to preferences for the first time, since being elected in 1991. The Campaign attracted donations from all over Australia, totalling in excess of \$120,000.

Dr Nitschke said today that he would be establishing a campaign office in Doncaster, the heart of the Menzies electorate, and would begin full-time campaigning in the near future.

"Kevin Andrews would like the voters of Menzies to forget all about the pivotal role he played in making sure that terminally ill elderly Australians have no control of their end-of-life decision making. We plan are to ensure everyone remembers."

"Ten years have passed since the *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act* was overturned by this politician, who used the parliament to disenfranchise Territorians, by taking away their right of choice.

"The time has come to make this man accountable for his actions."

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