



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Exit staff detained at ChCh airport**

The Director of Exit International, Dr Philip Nitschke, said today that the decision to search the luggage of all Exit staff arriving into NZ for the ChCh "Euthanasia Matters" conference was nothing more than harassment by the NZ customs department.

On arrival from Sydney today Angelika Elliott widow of cancer sufferer Dr John Elliott who died with the assistance of the Swiss euthanasia organisation Dignitas, and conference speaker, and Dr Fiona Stewart were detained for searching.

"Dr Nitschke said,  
"This puts our conference plans for Saturday and Workshop in Dunedin at risk"

"It's interesting that this should happen at exactly the same time as an injunction against the Peaceful Pill Handbook is being heard in Wellington

Lawyers for Exit international, Kensington Swan, will oppose the second injunction application when the matter is heard in Wellington at 4pm Thursday

The "Euthanasia Matters" conference timetable is available at [www.exitinternational.net/documents/nzconference.pdf](http://www.exitinternational.net/documents/nzconference.pdf)

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