

## INTRODUCTION

My name is Alan MacKenzie; diagnosed and treated for Colon Cancer and Prostate Cancer.

The latter is now life threatening.

Medically I have less than 3 years. Naturopathically I expect to live a long life.

You can't imagine the feeling after being told the bad news.

Feelings of being hopeless and helpless.

The reason for this is because the medical profession offers no alternatives.

All they can do or are allowed to do is "point the bone"

For those people who are solely medically orientated they are now doomed.

They accept the decision and remain in a hopeless and helpless state until the end.

Even for the more open-minded person such as myself, the medical statements probably still remain buried deep in the sub-conscious.

This situation is so archaic in today's society.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a)

- (i) the efficacy of a multi-disciplinary approach to cancer treatment.

This approach is absolutely necessary.

Being able to advise the patient that an alternative approach is available to help treat the cancer and/or to achieve a quality of life alleviates the need to make detrimental statements.

To create a multi-disciplinary approach is to first convince the AMA that it is absolutely necessary to have appropriate Doctors incorporate natural medicine in their practices.

It is also important to have qualified medical herbalists and Naturopaths assigned for this special work.

To achieve this will require some legislative changes to be introduced.

If left to the AMA, nothing will change. A political stand is our only hope at this point in time.

(iii) differing models and best practice for addressing psycho/social factors in patient care.

I have done a lot of research and continue to spend a lot of money to rid my body of cancer.

The lowest PSA reading I have ever experienced followed a 10-day retreat at the Gawler Foundation.

This organisation leads the field in addressing psycho/social factors and is situated in the Yarra Valley.

Not only does Gawler provide a full and complete retreat for cancer patients, the Gawler Foundation conducts research in the field of integrated medicine and provides support and training of health professionals.

- (v) Current barriers to the implementation of best practice in the above fields.

Funding. The Government needs to inject funds to augment the great work being done by the Gawler Foundation.

(b)

(iii) the legitimate role of government in the field of less conventional cancer treatment.

Government needs to set the standards for integrated medicine - not the Pharmaceutical companies and the AMA.

The latter are one sided and dictate standards which are supposedly best for the patient but really are best for them and the patient comes a bad second.

This is currently happening now where the government is forced to have natural products removed from shelves because the pharmaceutical companies and AMA say so but in actual fact those products make sick people well again as proven by the people and the Pharma-mafia don't like that happening.

There should be a hands-off approach by the Medical people regarding naturally grown products.

To take away a food from the masses that is grown naturally and then charge exorbitant prices through the Medical system is abhorrent.

The government should also consider an inquiry into the ARDA (Australian Recommended Daily Allowance) of certain minerals and hormones necessary for cancer treatment.

When you look at the USRDA (United States Recommended Daily Allowance) there is a vast difference.

This year I have had to spend in excess of A\$5000 to get products which I consider necessary to help me at this point in time, and all this money has gone to the United States. Why?

Because what is required is either not available and is definitely not bioavailable in Australia.

Please do something!!

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