

# NT Voluntary Euthanasia Society Inc

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### Historic Newsletter

Welcome to the Northern Territory  
Voluntary Euthanasia Society.  
(Australia)

Dear Members and readers,

As I sit here in Darwin at 8 PM it's 30 degrees Celsius and the ceiling fans are providing slight relief from the days 80% humidity. Which has nothing to do with this newsletter other than to share with you the environment of the writer!

The first newsletter of a new Society is a big event at any time, but for us, it's a symbol of all the 'firsts' we are currently experiencing.

#### For the first time in the world:

- we have a law allowing voluntary euthanasia in controlled circumstances - which has been passed by a democratic parliamentary process (it's not operational yet - but more on that later);
- we have a Voluntary Euthanasia Society which was formed **after** a voluntary euthanasia Act was passed; (although it evolved from the community group known as Operation TIAP which campaigned for the legislation) and
- we have a Voluntary Euthanasia Society which is working with Government on the implementation of the voluntary euthanasia legislation - the NT Rights of the Terminally Ill Act.

Although we feel some pride in taking part in such historic events we know there is still much work to be done. And we know that

what has been achieved, in less than a year, in this huge Territory with a tiny population of less than 200,000 people, was not achieved in a vacuum.

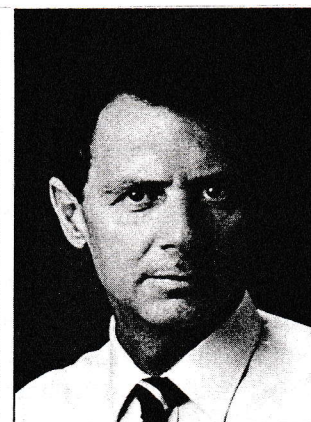
It was a fortuitous outcome of evolving community attitudes; the work of all the people in the support organisations throughout the world over many years; and the courage and compassion of our former Chief Minister Mr Marshall Perron in putting forward and fighting so powerfully for his private members Bill.

We are delighted to tell you that Marshall Perron has consented to become Patron of our Society. What better or more appropriate support could a Society such as ours wish for?

I look forward to having more contact with our members and friends over the coming months and encourage you all to keep in touch.

Thank you again for your support.

Lynda Cracknell  
President



**Mr Marshall Perron, initiator of The NT Rights of the Terminally Ill Act, and Patron of the NTVES**