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I have been in Canberra from 2001 and noticed when I arrived here what drugs have done to the people. It concerned me to the point that I decided to do something about it. Most the drug withdrawal programs that I have come to know do not assist or get people off drugs for long when they take up using drugs again. And some of them just create a drug dependence on other medical or prescribed drugs. In fact we have gone as far as supplying the very drugs to our citizens to prevent death due to unsanitary conditions that they get involved in due to their dependence on the drug habit.

It was not until I heard about a Narconon program that I really became interested. Recently there was a program on 60 Minutes which featured Blair Twentymen who went to the Melbourne Narconon Center after not being able to get help anywhere else. She was monitored through the Narconon Program as she had been on 'ICE' and this was screened on national TV with the results, she has also been featured on Radio speaking out about Ritalin use for children.

I have recently come into possession of a DVD from Melbourne where this program is being administered to many of the citizens there that are on drugs, and have tried many ways to chuck the addiction and have failed. Yet, the success of this program is obvious and the percentage that is fully handled is higher than any other method that is known of getting people off drugs.

It is not that they do not want to stop taking the drugs – they *cannot* stop it. This DVD is about 12 minutes in length and I want the people of Canberra to know that there is a solution. This method is used in many countries around the world and is achieving the same success rate. The program is very detailed and needs good controlled conditions, but with above 70% success rate - and higher - to completely handle an individual of his/her drug dependence it is a solid and proven answer.

There is an effective solution available. I have also arranged for those executives involved in the administration of the Narconon Program in Melbourne to come to Canberra and have arranged for a briefing on 16 June by the head of the Organization based here in Australia to come to Canberra and am arranging to get Dr. Nerida James, who runs this program in Melbourne, here at the end of June for a Seminar so that all concerned groups in the community can learn what this is how to do it and get all their questions answered.

I am submitting this to you and asking that this DVD be reviewed and if possible shown at this public hearing.

I appreciate you taking up this matter and look forward to working with the other concerned citizens in Canberra to handle the drug problem in our National Capital with an effective solution to Drug problem in ACT as I feel that this city and its people are my home and they need help.

Regards,

Maggie Rowlands

