

Appeal by Kep Enderby, President of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society of NSW for financial support for Caren Jennings.

Dear Friends,

Members will be aware from media publicity that one of our long standing, valuable and very active members, Caren Jennings, has been charged with murder.

It is alleged she assisted a friend in the murdering of that friend's alleged Alzheimer diseased and dementia-ill partner by in some way having that partner ingest Nembutal, a barbiturate not legally available either to him or them in Australia. Caren has for many years performed voluntary office work for our society. Many of the assertions in the media are incorrect.

The committal hearing to determine whether she should stand trial before a Supreme Court Judge and Jury either for his 'murder' or perhaps the alternative charge of 'aid or abet his suicide' is due to proceed in Sydney on the 27th June.

I have spent a considerable time with Caren, since her release on bail, discussing her case. She was very frank with me and I am convinced that she has committed no crime. The evidence against her is purely circumstantial and coincidental. One of the important circumstances relied on by the prosecution is the fact that she is a well known longstanding advocate of the right of people, to choose voluntary euthanasia, knowing also the fact that the best way of doing that is by the use of Nembutal.

She finds herself in her predicament because of her work for voluntary euthanasia.

The police claim that Caren obtained the Nembutal in Mexico. The only time she went to Mexico before the deceased died was when, being in California visiting her sister, she went by bus down to Mexico and bought some jewellery, not Nembutal.

She has engaged a solicitor in whom she has every confidence but who has to be paid and criminal litigation of this type can be very, very expensive.

Caren has set up a Caren Jennings Trust in the hope that those members of our Society who are able to do so will make some kind of contribution towards her legal costs.

On the attached page you will find a form that will assist those who so desire to make a contribution. This has been sent to members of VESNSW - If you know of anyone who might also be interested, please forward it to them.

I support Caren's hope, and as an indication of my confidence in her I have made a first contribution of \$500.

Kep Enderby QC
President NSW Voluntary Euthanasia Society.

Caren Jenning Legal Trust Fund

Contact Details (so Caren may thank you)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

email _____ Telephone _____

I Give \$ _____ Date _____

by Direct Credit to Account Name: Carren J Trust Account

Bank: ANZ BSB: 012 315 Account No: 5442 60265

by Cheque / Money order (enclosed) (strike out whatever is inapplicable)

Mail to Caren J Trust Account, PO Box 67, Lane Cove NSW 2066