

ATTENTION-PROFESSOR NEIL REES

My mother X was in a nursing home in Mentone.this nursing home had a regular Dr that came to the home and administered drugs to patients at the request of the Nurses in charge.I am X Daughter and I have Power of Attorney Medically and Financially for my mother.I objected to the over drugging of my mother.I found a caring Dr that took over the care of my mother and removed my mother from a morphine based drug Norspan.The director of nursing objected to this and went to VCAT to get guardianship of my mother.I spend every day with my mother.She had a stroke 4 years ago.She knows everything that is going on and does not require sedation.my story is a long and complicated one.It horrifies me to think that VCAT can appt a third party who knows nothing about my mother.My mother trusts and loves me and has complete faith in her new Dr yet VCAT can over rule this.This has to be changed my mother apptd me to look after all her affairs prior to her having the stroke yet this can be over ruled by VCAT.The law should be that that the patient should be able to have what ever DR they trust care for them and have the person that they trust be in charge of the care if they cannot speak for themselves.NO 3rrd party should be involved.I would like someone to contact me so I can tell you all the details.
Yours Sincerely
PAMELA FAULKNER

Note additions to submission in response to further clarification from Ms Faulkner on phone call to Ian Parsons on 17th May 2010:

- Concern that EPA documents signed by mother can be easily overridden by VCAT and feel that there should instead be an assumption in favour of the donor's wishes; these powers should not be revoked unless there is demonstrable proof that they have been misused;
- Concern that VCAT hearings proceed with members' be inadequately prepared and without the full documentation at hand.