

Interactive Sovereign Society

REQUEST FOR PANEL MEMBERS

Rick Durie v Psam Frank

I. INTRODUCTION

(1) I have a request for all ISS members. I am looking for volunteers to form a judicial panel.

(2) A disagreement has come up between me and a member who I believe we all regard with love, trust, and respect who has made his intentions known to conduct a hunger strike under specified conditions and with specified criteria which he has made clear might result in his own death.

II. ALLEGATION

(3) The allegation I am making is that Psam's stated intention to conduct a hunger strike violates the principle of Cycle of Wellness, one of our laws stated in our Summation of Principles. I believe that even stating this intention causes emotional harm to our members. I do not deny that Psam's claim, that holding these intentions may improve his emotional wellness, may possibly be valid. However, I believe that the harm done to others by these intentions is greater than the harm done to him by finding alternative methods to advance his convictions other than by making such distressing statements.

III. RELEVANT LAWS

A. *Cycle of Wellness*

(4) The ISS Summation of Principles states that Psam has agreed as a condition of membership to do his utmost to perpetuate a cycle of wellness amongst other members and non-members, at all times, to the extent that doing so does not impact his own wellness.

B. *Self-Wellness*

(5) The ISS Summation of Principles states that Psam has a responsibility, as a condition of membership, to embrace mental, physical, and emotional self-wellness to help sustain the ideals and goals of the society.

C. *Sovereignty of the individual*

(6) The ISS Constitution states that the ISS is founded upon the principle of the sovereignty of the individual.

IV. FACTS

(7) The conditions that Psam has stated under which he would commence his hunger strike would be if it became apparent beyond reasonable doubt that he would spend the rest of his life being governed by periodically elected legislative assemblies. I agree that this is a potential eventuality and I do believe that the possibility of it occurring has a deeply damaging impact upon his happiness in his life.

(8) Psam has stated that the criteria for ending his hunger strike would be if one of three things occurs: the

number of participants in organizations that use the interactive electoral system doubles, an ISS judicial panel orders that the hunger strike end, or he dies.

(9) Psam has clearly stated the above conditions in several statements and if I have misstated them in any way then I expect the panel to hear his clarifications.

V. ARGUMENTS

A. *Cycle of Wellness* (III.A)

(10) I believe that just by having intentions to conduct a hunger strike under the conditions that he has stated, he causes the emotional wellness of other members to suffer.

B. *Self-wellness* (III.B)

(11) I find Psam's emotional wellness to be a valid consideration in this matter but I do not believe that it is a greater lawful priority than the emotional wellness of others in these circumstances.

C. *Sovereignty of the individual* (III.C)

(12) I believe that Psam's sovereignty is impeded by a restriction being placed upon his freedom to live or cease to live his life as he pleases. However, I believe that his responsible sovereignty, as any other member's, is justified by having demonstrated willingness to take on certain responsibilities to other human beings. His intentions indicate a possible lack of responsibility if those intentions are not consistent with the principles he has agreed to uphold as a condition of being regarded as responsibly sovereign. If he were to fail to adhere to any order of the panel assembled for this hearing, it would be a demonstration that his assertion of his own sovereignty is fraudulent.

VI. REMEDY ASKED

A. Disallow any potentially fatal hunger strike

(13) I am asking that the panel inform Psam that a hunger strike resulting in his demise would not be allowed by the principles of the ISS. I ask that the panel agree that while a hunger strike is a valid political tool for demonstrating the sincerity of his intentions, it should be conducted in a manner that has no reasonable possibility of resulting in the end of his life.

B. Alternative: set conditions for commencing hunger strike and retain discretion to discontinue

(14) If the panel denies the above request, deciding that ISS principles might allow a potentially terminal hunger strike to be conducted in some circumstances, then I request that the panel order Psam that the panel be consulted in the event of such a hunger strike being planned. I further request that the panel retain the discretion to order any such hunger strike discontinued upon review.

(15) Since a condition under which Psam has stated that he would plan a hunger strike is if it became apparent beyond reasonable doubt that he would spend the rest of his life being governed by periodically elected legislative assemblies, I ask that Psam be ordered until further notice that if he plans a hunger strike, the panel must agree that this condition is fulfilled prior to the hunger strike being allowed.

(16) I plan to have a list of people who I have consulted with to see how they believe they would be emotionally affected by a hunger strike being conducted that could potentially result in Psam's death. I ask that Psam be ordered until further notice that if he plans a hunger strike, then prior to allowing this, the panel must review each description by each of these people of their feelings and the hunger strike should only be allowed if the panel agrees that the total impact of Psam's potential demise upon others in the strike is of lesser strength in its effect than the impact upon Psam's emotional wellness of spending the rest of his life being governed against his consent in a manner that he finds intolerable.

C. Discussing his intentions to hunger strike

(17) I ask that the panel make it clear that Psam must make every effort, when discussing the possibility of a hunger strike, to clearly state that this would only occur if it became apparent beyond reasonable doubt that he would spend the rest of his life being governed by periodically elected legislative assemblies. I believe that this illustrates to any listener that the circumstances under which a hunger strike might be conducted are highly prohibitive and very unlikely, assuaging any fears that might harm the emotional wellness of any such listener.

VII. CHOOSING PANEL

(18) Please consider this a formal request that You, an honourable ISS member, consider acting as a member of the judicial panel for this civil hearing in which Psam Frank has been named as the defendant. At such time that I formally request the hearing be called, her/his Honour, _____, has agreed to call the hearing and offer to preside as the panel chair or respect a decision of the Chief of Justice to choose a different chair. As the defendant, Psam is entitled to choose 2, 3, or 4 members to appoint to the panel, and then I am entitled to choose the same number. If more members are willing to serve on the panel than I am entitled to choose, then I shall choose the members who I believe to have the most comprehensive familiarity with the ISS Summation of Principles, Constitution, and judicial protocol.

(19) Please note that it is possible for this hearing to be handled entirely in writing, in case your circumstances as a member would prevent You from being physically present for a hearing in person.

VIII. IN CLOSING

(20) Thank You very much for your time and attention. Your service is highly appreciated.

Rick Durie