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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE
INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS

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The Chair of the Legislative Assembly Social Policy Committee, Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP, has announced the Committee will inquire into and report on matters relating to the provision of alcohol to minors by parents and guardians in NSW.

Mr Notley-Smith stated the Committee is pleased that the Premier, the Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP, has referred this important matter of social concern to the Committee for inquiry.

"The Committee will examine the sufficiency of provisions of the *Liquor Act 2007* with regard to persons selling, supplying alcohol to people under the age of 18 years, including in homes, parks, halls and public places. It will also examine the appropriateness of provisions that ensure a person must not supply liquor to a minor on any premises other than licensed premises unless the person is a parent or guardian of the minor," Mr Notley-Smith said.

Mr Notley-Smith further added, "The inquiry will consider proposals on how to address community understanding of the rights and responsibilities of parents, guardians and responsible adults regarding the provision of alcohol to minors and how NSW could benefit from experiences in other jurisdictions".

The Committee invites written submissions with a closing date of Monday 30 July 2012. Further information regarding the terms of reference and address details for submissions are available on the Committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/socialpolicy or by contacting the Chair, Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP, on 02 9389 6669.

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