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Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice

Third Review of the Lifetime Care and Support Authority and the Lifetime Care and Support Advisory Council

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The Chair of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, the Hon Christine Robertson MLC, today tabled the Committee's report on its Third Review of the exercise of the functions of the Lifetime Care and Support Authority and the Lifetime Care and Support Advisory Council.

The Lifetime Care and Support Scheme is now in its fourth year and the Committee has undertaken three reviews of the work of the Lifetime Care and Support Authority and the Advisory Council, as required by the *Motor Accidents (Lifetime Care and Support) Act 2006* (NSW).

Ms Robertson said, 'During our Review the Committee heard from a range of stakeholders including Scheme participants and family carers of participants, service providers, medical professionals and advocacy groups. The Authority and the Council also participated actively through the provision of written responses to the Committee's questions and by appearing at our public hearings.'

'I am pleased to report that the Lifetime Care and Support Authority and the Advisory Council are exercising their functions effectively. The Scheme is providing crucial support to those who are catastrophically injured in motor vehicle accidents in NSW.'

'This report notes the considerable efforts made by the Lifetime Care and Support Authority to listen to the concerns of stakeholders and to accept and implement the Committee's recommendations from our past Reviews. This open and responsive approach demonstrates the commitment of the Authority to ensuring that the Scheme performs in the best interests of participants.'

'Review stakeholders drew attention to a number of areas in which improvements can be made, in terms of the administration of the Scheme and the treatment, rehabilitation and care services provided to Scheme participants. The Committee has made 12 recommendations to address the concerns,' Ms Robertson stated.

Ms Robertson can be contacted for comment on 0428 674 310 or (02) 9230 2971

Further information: The Committee's recommendations are attached. The report is on the Committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice. Hard copies are available by phoning (02)9230 2412.