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**Legislative Council
Standing Committee on Law and Justice**

**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE RELEASES REPORT
ON FIRST REVIEW OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED
LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT AUTHORITY**

The NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on Law and Justice today tabled the report of its First Review of Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) and Lifetime Care and Support Advisory Council (LTCSAC).

The LTCS Scheme provides treatment, rehabilitation and care for people who are catastrophically injured in a motor vehicle accident in New South Wales. The Scheme began on 1 October 2006 for children and 1 October 2007 for adults. The Scheme evolved out of the Motor Accidents Compensation (compulsory third party or CTP) Scheme administered by the Motor Accidents Authority. Instead of claiming compensation to meet their treatment and care needs under the CTP scheme, participants' treatment, care and support is funded and coordinated by the LTCSA for the rest of their lives. (In certain circumstances people may still claim compensation for loss of income and pain and suffering).

The Chair of the Committee, the Hon Christine Robertson MLC, said today, "The Law and Justice Committee enthusiastically welcomes the Scheme and congratulates the NSW Government on its establishment."

"The Scheme makes very important provisions for the lifelong treatment, rehabilitation and care of people who are catastrophically injured in motor accidents, regardless of who was at fault. This Committee identified the need for such a program several years ago and we are very pleased to see the Scheme now in place. It is a model for other States and Territories, and for other countries."

"The Scheme affirms the rights and dignity of injured people and will ensure a holistic approach to their needs," Ms Robertson said.

The report explores a range of issues that have emerged since the Scheme's commencement, a number of which it suggests should be monitored as implementation proceeds. It makes two recommendations for action by the LTCSA.

Further information about the inquiry including copies of the report can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on ph 02 9230 3544, fax (02) 9230 3416, e-mail: law@parliament.nsw.gov.au or website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice.

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