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Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice

LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SECOND REVIEW OF THE LIFETIME CARE AND SUPPORT AUTHORITY

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC, Chair of the NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on Law and Justice, today announced the Committee's second review of the Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) and the Lifetime Care and Support Advisory Council (LTCSAC).

The LTCSA was established in July 2006. It is a statutory corporation that provides treatment, rehabilitation and care to people severely injured in motor accidents in NSW. The LTCS Scheme is funded by a levy on compulsory third party (CTP) insurance premiums. The LTCSAC advises the Minister on matters relating to the Scheme.

"The Lifetime Care and Support Scheme was set up to ensure that people who are catastrophically injured in motor accidents receive necessary care and support for the rest of their lives, regardless of who was at fault in the accident. Following on from the first review conducted last year, the Committee will again be examining how well the Authority is fulfilling its role and assisting its clients," Ms Robertson said.

"The Committee invites public participation in this review process and is currently calling for submissions" said Ms Robertson. "Your submission can identify issues for the Committee to examine, or can set out specific questions for the Committee to consider raising with witnesses at a public hearing," advised Ms Robertson. Submissions are due by Wednesday 6 May 2009.

Further information about the review can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on telephone (02) 9230 3509, fax (02) 9230 3416, e-mail lawandjustice@ parliament.nsw.gov.au

The terms of reference for the inquiry are available from the Committee's website at <u>www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice</u>.

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