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**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE RELEASES REPORT
ON SECOND REVIEW OF THE LIFETIME CARE AND
SUPPORT AUTHORITY**

The NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on Law and Justice today tabled the report of its Second Review of Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) and 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 Chair of the Committee, the Hon Christine Robertson MLC, said today, "The LTCS 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 running into its third year."

Ms Robertson commented, "Overall, the LTCS Scheme is functioning effectively and we congratulate the LTCSA and the LTCSAC for their work. This Second Review has primarily focused on issues relating to the service provision for participants during acute care and rehabilitation and has recognised the start of a shift of participants moving from rehabilitation back to the community."

"The Committee has made a number of recommendations regarding membership on the LTSCAC, supported accommodation, impact on health resources of the Scheme, the role of the LTCS coordinator, recreation and leisure and identified the need to raise public awareness of the Scheme." Ms Robertson said.

"The report also explores a range of issues that have emerged since the Committee's First Review of the Scheme, a number of which we suggest should be monitored as the Scheme further develops." Ms Robertson stated.

Further information about the Review including copies of the report can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on ph 02 9230 3509, fax (02) 9230 3416, e-mail: law@parliament.nsw.gov.au or website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice.

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