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INQUIRY INTO ELDER ABUSE IN NSW

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An Upper House Committee has launched an inquiry into elder abuse in New South Wales. The committee will be chaired by the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC.

‘In this inquiry, we are examining the abuse of some of the most vulnerable people in our community, the elderly. The inquiry will focus on the prevalence of abuse experienced by older persons, including financial, physical, sexual and psychological abuse, as well as neglect’, said Mr Donnelly.

Mr Donnelly continued: ‘The committee is interested in hearing about the current support services available to victims of elder abuse and whether the NSW Police have adequate powers to respond to allegations. In addition, the committee will consider the effectiveness of laws, policies and strategies to safeguard older persons’.

‘The committee is also considering the development of long-term measures to prevent or safeguard against abuse and to develop ways of empowering older persons to better protect themselves’, Mr Donnelly concluded.

The committee is very interested to hear people’s views on this important matter. The closing date for written submissions is Sunday 15 November 2015. The committee anticipates it will hold its first public hearing in late November, with further hearings to be held in early 2016. The committee intends to report by May 2016.

For further information about the inquiry, including its terms of reference, or for more on how to make a submission, please go to our website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2, or call the committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3586.

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