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INQUIRY INTO ELDER ABUSE IN NSW Further Reminder

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An Upper House committee is currently seeking written submission for the inquiry into elder abuse in New South Wales.

The chair of the committee, the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC, said: ‘This is the first dedicated parliamentary inquiry that has examined this issue and it is essential for the committee to hear from a wide range of stakeholders about the abuse experienced by older persons across New South Wales’.

Mr Donnelly continued: ‘Harm caused to an older person by a trusted relation can take on a number of forms, including financial, physical, sexual, psychological and neglect, with the number of older people experiencing or have experienced abuse in New South Wales still unclear’.

‘The abuse of older people is now a prominent discussion within the community. We hope that our inquiry can contribute to this important debate’.

‘The committee strongly encourages relevant individuals and groups to make a submission, so that new proposals and initiatives can be put in place to enhance existing strategies for safeguarding older persons vulnerable to abuse’, said Mr Donnelly.

The closing date for written submissions is Sunday 15 November 2015. The committee will hold its first public hearing on Friday 20 November 2015 in Sydney, 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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