INQUIRY INTO FUNERAL INDUSTRY

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The Standing Committee on Social Issues Legislative Council of NSW Parliament House Sydney 2000

Dear Councillors,

Re: Inquiry into the Funeral Industry

On behalf of the members of the Older Women's Network (NSW) Inc. I am writing to support the submission made to you by the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association of NSW, in relation to the above inquiry.

In particular, our Association is concerned about the impact of significant price rises for funerals on people of low income. We do not support the increasing concentration of ownership of the industry by large operators, nor the move by the Funeral Industry Council to seek even greater self-regulation. In our opinion regulation can only be effective if founded in an independent body.

Yours sincerely,

-P. Hewett

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