INQUIRY INTO INQUIRY INTO ELDER ABUSE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Judith Nicholas
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The Premier

Elder Abuse Hearing

Parliament House

Inadequate Clean

Sydney NSW 2000.

Dear Sir, Re. Elder Abuse.

I wish to offer a submission to the above. I am a registered nurse with 30 years of experience working in nursing homes. At last twenty years aged care has become particularly troublesome and problematic.

I wrote this letter in 1997, resulting from the Aged Care Act Regulations 1997. It resulted from staffing cuts. The Aged Care Act of 1997, as I understand it, provides self-regulation. They immediately cut working hours for registered nurses assistants in nursing homes including cooks, cleaning staff, and kitchen staff. The negative impact on staff was overwhelming and affected residents equally as badly. Patients suffered by being neglected by staff as the cuts in hours worked did not allow work processes to be completed when one staff member was expected to do the work of two staff. Morale collapsed, stress developed, job dissatisfaction all continued to occur. Inadequate health checks do not play a part in neglect. Consider this. Yours faithfully.

PS. Please consider Official Visitors.