

Supplementary  
Submission  
No 48b

**INQUIRY INTO INQUIRY INTO ELDER ABUSE IN NEW  
SOUTH WALES**

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### Recommendations:

1. Stamp out corruption in the public service;
2. All calls to government and NGO agencies involved in caring or decision making for the elderly are recorded;
3. All interviews are audio-visually recorded;
4. Fix your legislation to ensure that no one individual, or agency has absolute power over an elderly person;
5. That oversight and auditing of decisions happens on a regular basis by an independent body;
6. That complaint mechanisms go to an agency which is completely independent from government, carers, service providers and 'professionals';
7. Family always has priority substitute decision making in an elder's life, over and above anyone mentioned in '6' above;
8. That the elder person's views are never dismissed and ignored in favour of an abusive carer;
9. The best protection is openness, transparency and free access;
10. Abuse of the elder almost always happens in secret, that is why their isolation and blocking of access to them is so prevalent amongst reported abuse cases;
11. No one is permitted to make any decision or use any process which is unlawful and to misinterpret the law as they please;
12. No one is to make exclusionary decisions because inclusion, transparency, free access and freedom of participation in the community, in decision making are the key to ensuring that violence and abuse does not happen. If only one individual is given absolute power to access, care and control of the elder person. Their isolation of the elder person is their key to controlling and being covertly violent;
13. Antecedents of violence and alcohol abuse must always exclude an individual from becoming a carer and certainly a sole primary carer with absolute authority over an elderly person.