

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

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Further Recommendations:

1. That the removal of anyone who is abusive and/or violent to an elderly person, particularly, carer and/or guardian from the elderly person's home becomes mandatory under new vulnerable persons' protective legislation and that this authority is invested in the police.
2. That the police have emergency powers for the removal of such persons from the elderly person's home and the instigation of protective emergency procedures for the placement of other suitably assessed next of kin or other care providers to provide care and support for the elderly person in their home until a more permanent solution can be implemented.
3. That the assessment of kin and/or other care providers to provide care and support for the elderly person in their home on a permanent basis is vested in the Family Court of Australia's family relationship assessment unit by a culturally, linguistically, disability and geriatrically specialised social workers and psychologists and implemented by the Commonwealth's MyAgedCare professionals.
4. That any primary carer who prevents the elderly person the freedom of decision making, when those decisions can only serve their interests, such as blocking an elderly person access to their loved ones and friends and/or prevents them from having a choice of doctors and/or service providers are removed from the premises of the elderly person.
5. That an elderly person whether incapacitated or not has the absolute sovereignty and discretion to choose who has or does not have access to them and their own house and home and the conditions of that access.