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INQUIRY INTO INQUIRY INTO ELDER ABUSE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Partially Confidential

I am an almost 70 year old lady and I would like to send this very brief submission just addressing my personal experiences over the past ten years. I live in Central West NSW country town.

1. Financial Abuse.

For last ten years I have been

abused traumatised and threatened by up to 10 persons trying to get me to hand over my property and other financial assets because these persons have made it their business to know more about what I have than I know. It is just plain elder abuse and intimidation trying to break down a vulnerable older lady to get her to break.

Psychological Abuse.

Abuse usually occurs in my own home or close surrounds and on over 150 occasions I have been threatened abused

Pelted with fruit and stones harassed and bullied and several attempts on my life. Local Govt Council will not assist and it is only in recent times that the local police have shown any interest since I reported my ordeals to Premier BAIRD. I have also been psychologically abused by family members acquaintances and friends in bullying me trying to make me move or dispose of my asset.

It is very difficult as you are ageing to stand up to these individuals who do anything to annoy and traumatise a vulnerable lady who lives alone. The ages of persons who perpetrate these acts are from teenagers through to persons around my own age.

It is that a special police task force as well as a local officer say in community health that a person like me could ring for assistance and protection is needed urgently.

I am aware that new laws regarding elder abuse were introduced on 1 September 2015 and it would be great if these could be publicised more.

Regarding these two areas of abuse I find that persons make it their business not mine to know everything and I feel there should be tighter control on privacy laws especially in smaller towns where the very determined developers and go getters collude and try their best to take what is not their property or money or other assets.

A short but very important submission I believe and further documentations of my problems are available or I would be pleased to attend any forum to assist.