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No 98

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

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Partially Confidential

Dear members of the parliamentary committee,  
i have two main points.

(1) A substantial impediment to the protection of senior citizens from elder Abuse is that it is not yet treated like domestic violence where the police can prosecute without the victim's agreement. since the victim is often too intimidated or dependent. It needs to be made clear to police in a legal adjustment that the domestic violence laws apply here as well.

(2) The police need to be made to investigate and pass on to the public advocate for legal action in cases of mental illness of the carer and unintentional abuse .

Mental health issues of the carer are often undiagnosed and yet if obvious by facts on the ground such as severe hoarding and squalor and neglect they should be legally able to be dealt in order to protect the older person.

These are some loopholes in the law the closing of which would benefit the aged persons.

Thanking you for your considerations.

sincerely,