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Hon Nick Goiran MLC
Chairman
Select Committee into Elder Abuse
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Dear Chairman,

Inquiry into Elder Abuse

National Seniors welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Select Committee into Elder Abuse.

National Seniors believes all levels of government have a critical role to play in developing a comprehensive response to elder abuse. Attached is a copy of our submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission on preventing and addressing elder abuse, which contains information relevant to the terms of reference for this inquiry.

In particular, we highlight the need for improved public awareness campaigns to educate the community on elder abuse, cost-effective legal instruments for older people to protect themselves, stronger penalties for perpetrators and adequate compensation for victims of elder abuse.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Suzanne Lawless, Policy Manager on 07 3233 9108 or policy@nationalseniors.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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