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**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES
FIRST REVIEW OF THE LIFETIME CARE AND
SUPPORT AUTHORITY**

The Hon Christine Robertson MLC, Chair of the NSW Parliament's Standing Committee on Law and Justice, today announced the Committee's first review of the Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) and the Lifetime Care and Support Advisory Council (LTCSAC). The Law and Justice Committee is also conducting its ninth annual review of the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) and Motor Accidents Council (MAC). It is calling for public submissions for both reviews.

The LTCSA was established in July 2006. It is a statutory corporation that provides treatment, rehabilitation and care to people severely injured in motor accidents in NSW. The LTCS scheme is funded by a levy on compulsory third party (CTP) insurance premiums. The LTCSAC advises the Minister on matters relating to the scheme.

The MAA is the statutory body charged with overseeing the operation of the CTP motor accident insurance and compensation scheme in New South Wales. The MAC is the stakeholder body that advises the MAA..

"The Lifetime Care and Support Scheme was set up to ensure that people who are catastrophically injured in motor accidents receive necessary care and support for the rest of their lives, regardless of who was at fault in the accident. It's been up and running for a year and a half now and our Committee will be examining how well the Authority is fulfilling its role and assisting its clients," Ms Robertson said.

Each year the Committee reviews the performance of the MAA in respect of its key functions. "Our ninth review will focus on the MAA's Claims Assessment and Resolutions Service, which assesses all disputed CTP compensation claims before they can proceed to court," Ms Robertson said.

The Committee is seeking a broad range of views from the public about the LTCSA, the MAA and the CTP scheme. Submissions are due by Wednesday 30 April 2007.

Further information about the reviews can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on telephone (02) 9230 3311, fax (02) 9230 3416, e-mail: lawandjustice@parliament.nsw.gov.au

The terms of reference for the inquiry are available from the Committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandjustice.

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