



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Inquiry: Older people and the law

MEDIA ALERT

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Chairman: Peter Slipper MP

Canberra public hearing on Older People and the Law

Parliament House, Friday 23 March 2007

Fraud, financial abuse, general and enduring power of attorney provisions, family agreements, discrimination, and barriers to older Australians accessing legal services, will be on the agenda of a public hearing in Canberra this Friday (23 March).

The House of Representatives Legal and Constitutional Affairs will hear from a range of organisations and individuals in relation to its inquiry into Older People and the Law.

“With the ageing of the population and the complex legal framework for older people, it is important to review the adequacy of legislative regimes in addressing the needs of Australians aged 65 years and over,” Committee Chairman Peter Slipper said.

“We have received a large number of submissions for this inquiry from across Australia, which shows how important this issue is in the community.”

Representatives from the Australian Institute of Criminology, the Australian Medical Association and the Attorney-General’s Department will address the hearing, which is the first of a series of public hearings planned for other capital cities.

The hearing will be held in **Committee room 2S1, Parliament House Canberra, on Friday 23 March 2007, from 9:30am – 4:00pm.**

Committee Chairman Peter Slipper also invites members of the public to have their say by addressing the committee in an open public forum at the hearing from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

The hearing will be webcast live on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/> and broadcast internally on the HMS television service.

For media interview:

Please contact the Committee Chairman, Peter Slipper MP on (07) 5443 3555 (electorate office) or on (02) 6277 4975 (Canberra office).

Or Mr Slipper’s media adviser, Richard Bruinsma, on 0417 486 673.

For further information, including the terms of reference, details of other public hearings, and copies of submissions, please visit the inquiry website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/laca/ntstatehood/index.htm> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 2358.

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