



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

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MOTION

Referral to Education, Arts and Communities Committee



Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (10.31 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That the Education, Arts and Communities Committee inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly by 12 December 2025 into the abuse of older people in Queensland (elder abuse), defined as a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, in the context of a relationship of trust, causing harm or distress, including the:
 - (a) nature and extent, including for vulnerable cohorts, of:
 - (i) forms of neglect and abuse, such as physical, sexual, psychological, emotional and financial;
 - (ii) relationships where elder abuse occurs, including family and kinship relationships;
 - (iii) risk and protective factors, and barriers and enablers for people to access support.
 - (b) effectiveness and cohesiveness of responses to elder abuse, including Queensland laws, policies, programs and services, in preventing, safeguarding, identifying and responding to elder abuse, including:
 - (i) adult guardianship and violence protection services, other funded services, and community-based interventions;
 - (ii) civil and criminal legal frameworks;
 - (iii) community awareness, education and engagement initiatives;
 - (iv) monitoring, evaluation and reporting processes;
 - (v) human rights protections.
 - (c) opportunities to improve responses to elder abuse in Queensland, within the government, broader community, non-government, and private sectors, including ensuring responses are trauma informed and culturally appropriate.
2. The inquiry will consider:
 - (a) voices of people with lived experience of elder abuse (with appropriate assistance to be provided for people to engage with the inquiry where required);
 - (b) views of other stakeholders; and
 - (c) relevant findings, reports and prevalence studies (insofar as they relate to elder abuse).

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.