APPENDIX 2

Public Hearings

Tuesday, 14 March 2006 Parliament House, Canberra

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Humphries Senator McLucas Senator Moore Senator Bartlett Senator Adams Senator Siewert Senator Polley

Witnesses

Carers Australia

Ms Joan Hughes, Acting Chief Executive Officer Ms Colleen Sheen, Senior Policy Adviser

National Welfare Rights Network – Teleconference

Mr Michael Raper, President Mr Gerard Thomas, Policy Officer

Vision Australia – Teleconference

Mr Michael Simpson, General Manager – Policy & Advocacy

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Mr Roger Barson, Acting Group Manager, Social Policy

Ms Alanna Foster, Acting Branch Manager, Family Payments Branch

Ms Diana Lindemayer, Section Manager, Carers Section

Mr Darryl Pettingill, Acting Section Manager, International Branch

Ms Leesa Croke, Acting Branch Manager, Child Care Branch