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ASSEMBLY

Motion to expunge sections of the Hansard record



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The motto of the coat of arms for the state of New South Wales is "Orta recens quam pura nites". It is written in Latin and means "newly risen, how brightly you shine".

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Chapter One – Final report

- 1.1 On 18 November 2025 Ms Maryanne Stuart MP, the Member for Heathcote, moved the following motion, by leave, to expunge part of the Hansard record of her second reading debate on the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024 which she gave on 23 October 2024:
- That the family name and names of individual family members contained in my contribution to the second reading debate on the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024, made on 23 October 2024, be expunged from the Hansard record and minor amendments be made to refer to the family in general terms and remove identifying particulars.¹
- 1.2 Consideration of the motion was deferred until the next sitting day, at which stage the House resolved to refer the matter to this Committee.
- 1.3 Expunging or striking out words from the Hansard is significant and can only be done by way of a House resolution and, under precedent, 'the matter referred to generally needs to be one of an offensive nature'².
- 1.4 Since the Assembly's establishment there have been very few such resolutions, the most recent example being the motion successfully moved by the Hon. Matt Kean in 2019.³
- 1.5 The Committee resolved to table the report to the House on the referral, out of session, and by 21 November 2025.
- 1.6 The Committee notes that expunging words from the Hansard is a very serious matter, requiring a resolution of the House, which should only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.7 Following consideration of the words proposed to be struck from the Hansard, the Committee has resolved that expunging the words on this occasion should be supported, and that the House proceed to consider the Member for Heathcote's motion.⁴

¹ New South Wales, Legislative Assembly, [Parliamentary Debates](#), 18 November 2025, pp. 76 (Maryanne Stuart, Member for Heathcote).

² R Grove (ed), [New South Wales Legislative Assembly Practice, Procedure and Privilege](#), 1st edn, Department of the Legislative Assembly, Sydney, 2007, pp. 68.

³ New South Wales, Legislative Assembly, [Parliamentary Debates](#), 19 September 2019, pp. 1543 (Matt Kean, Minister for Energy and Environment).

⁴ Minutes of meeting no. 34, 20 November 2025, Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics.

Appendix One – Terms of reference

EXTRACT FROM VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025, ITEM NO. 12, PP. 1598

Mr Ron Hoenig moved, That standing and sessional orders be suspended to enable the referral of the following motion to the Parliamentary Privileges and Ethics Committee for examination and report back to the House by Friday 28 November 2025:

That the family name and names of individual family members contained in the contribution of the member for Heathcote to the second reading debate on the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024, made on 23 November 2024 be expunged from the Hansard record and minor amendments made to refer to the family in general terms and remove identifying particulars.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Appendix Two – Extracts from minutes

Unconfirmed minutes of meeting no. 34

TIME & DATE	4:30 PM THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2025	LOCATION	LA CLERK'S MEETING ROOM (850B)
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Greenwich (Chair), Ms Voltz (Deputy Chair), Ms Haylen.

Apologies: Mr Li and Mr Griffin.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Ms Minnican (Clerk of the Legislative Assembly), Ms Maxwell (Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly), Ms Zwar (Committee Manager, House and Procedure) and Miss Zhang (Senior Parliamentary Office, Office of the Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 4:33pm.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Haylen:
That the draft minutes of Meeting no. 33 on 10 November 2025 be confirmed.

2. ***

3. Motion to expunge sections of the Hansard record

On 19 November 2025 the House provided the Committee with Terms of Reference to inquire into and report on the following motion by Friday 28 November 2025:

That the family name and names of individual family members contained in the contribution of the Member for Heathcote to the second reading debate on the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2024, made on 23 October 2024, be expunged from the Hansard record and minor amendments be made to refer to the family in general terms and remove identifying particulars.

The Clerk provided a verbal briefing.

Resolved, on the motion of Ms Voltz:

That the Committee:

- a) Table the report on the referral to the House, out of session, and by 21 November 2025.
- b) Notes that expunging words from the Hansard is a very serious matter, requiring a resolution of the House, which should only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- c) Having considered the words proposed to be struck from the Hansard, resolves that the expunging of the words on this occasion be supported, and that the House proceed to consider the Member for Heathcote's motion.

The Committee noted that the secretariat would circulate the draft report for concurrence by email.

4. Next meeting

The Committee adjourned at 4:42pm until a date and time to be confirmed.
