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Law and Safety committee adopts new inquiry

The Law and Safety Committee has today adopted a new inquiry referred by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon. David Elliot MP. The inquiry will focus on assaults on members of the NSW Police Force.

"As part of this inquiry, we will be examining the current incidence of assaults on police officers, and any related trends in such assaults", said Committee Chair, Wendy Tuckerman MP.

"We also will be looking into what strategies the NSW Police Force currently have in place to engage with the community, how effectively those programs are working and if any improvements can be made".

This inquiry will look at past programs used by the NSW Police, with a particular focus on any school based programs, and ways of effectively engaging young people.

"We want to hear what peak bodies, academics, youth organisations and members of the community have to say. As a Committee, we encourage stakeholders to make a submission and have their voices heard".

The Committee will conduct public hearings over the coming months, the details of which will be made available on the Committee's <u>webpage</u>.

More information, including the inquiry's terms of reference and how to make a submission, is also on the <u>webpage</u>.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 28 August 2020.

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