

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DURAL CARAVAN INCIDENT AND THE PASSAGE OF RELEVANT BILLS THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Inquiry into the relationship between the Dural caravan incident and the passage of relevant bills through the Legislative Council

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the relationship between the Dural caravan incident and the passage of the Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025, the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Racial and Religious Hatred) Bill 2025 and the Crimes Amendment (Inciting Racial Hatred) Bill 2025 through the Legislative Council, and in particular:
 - (a) evidence and knowledge about the incident held by the Premier, Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, Minister for the Hunter, and the Attorney General at various times between 19 January 2025 and 20 February 2025
 - (b) relevant briefings given by the NSW Police Force prior to or on 20 February 2025
 - (c) relevant briefings given by the Australian Federal Police prior to or on 20 February 2025
 - (d) any references to the incident in any briefing materials prepared for the development, introduction and debate on the bills in the Legislative Council
 - (e) statements made by members of the Executive Government in the press and during debate on the bills
 - (f) the provision of information to the public and Parliament prior to and during the debate of the bills in the Legislative Council
 - (g) any decision to release or withhold information
 - (h) the impact of any such decision on parliamentary deliberations, and
 - (i) any other related matters.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 19 March 2025 and amended on 28 May 2025.¹

¹ Minutes, NSW Legislative Council, 19 March 2025, item 30; Minutes, NSW Legislative Council, 28 May 2025, item 39.

Committee membership

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