



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DURAL CARAVAN INCIDENT AND  
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES ON LEGISLATION

## MEDIA RELEASE

# PUBLIC HEARING INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DURAL CARAVAN INCIDENT AND PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES ON LEGISLATION

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[Friday 4 April 2025]

On Monday 7 April 2025, an Upper House committee established to inquire into the relationship between the Dural caravan incident and parliamentary debates on legislation will hold a public hearing to hear from NSW Police Force senior representatives, including Commissioner Karen Webb and Deputy Commissioners Peter Thurtell and David Hudson.

Committee Chair, the Hon Rod Roberts MLC stated: "This inquiry is about accountability and ensuring the integrity of our parliamentary processes. The public must have confidence that members of Parliament are informed of all available facts before passing legislation. This inquiry will investigate whether the hate speech and protest laws were introduced and debated based on misleading or incomplete information."

'Evidence from the NSW Police Force during Budget Estimates suggests that the NSW Premier and other Ministers had knowledge prior to the introduction of and debate on these bills that the Dural caravan incident was not a targeted terrorist attack against the Jewish community but rather carried out as part of ongoing criminal activity', the Chair added.

'The committee will question NSW Police to establish what was known, when it was known and who within the NSW Government had access to this information before critical decisions in Parliament were made', the Chair concluded.

### Hearing details

The hearing will be held on **Monday 7 April 2025** from **9.30 am to 2.00 pm** in the **Jubilee Room** at **NSW Parliament**. It will be open to the public. The hearing will also be livestreamed on NSW Parliament's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>

More information about the inquiry, including terms of reference, may be found at the inquiry webpage: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/listofcommittees/Pages/committee-details.aspx?pk=333>

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