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From: [Sarah Michael](#)
To: [James Cullen](#); [Caravan Incident](#)
Cc: [Edward Ovadia](#)
Subject: RE: Inquiry into the relationship between the Dural caravan incident and parliamentary debates on legislation - Correspondence from Chair - re-issued invitation - 14 May 2025
Date: Friday, 16 May 2025 5:11:10 PM

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Good afternoon Chair,

As per the reasons outlined in James's email below along with relevant correspondence, and as per my previous correspondence to the Committee on 9 May 2025, I also respectfully decline the invitation to appear at the hearing on 22 May 2025.

Sarah Michael

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From: James Cullen
Sent: Friday, 16 May 2025 5:06 PM
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Good afternoon,

In relation to the ministerial staff witnesses that have been called to appear, I refer the committee to the attached correspondence between the Premier and the Speaker regarding the comity of the Houses and the powers and privileges of the Legislative Assembly. I note that a copy of his letter would be forwarded to the President of the Legislative Council, given the extent of the serious issues raised in relation to the Assembly's rights, powers and immunities.

I further note that the Speaker expressed the view that it would be inappropriate for the Government to accede to any requests from the Legislative Council without the Legislative Assembly first having had an opportunity to consider any implications for exclusive cognisance and other rights and privileges of the Legislative Assembly

I respectfully ask that in the circumstances, it might be appropriate for the Select Committee to defer consideration of the attendance of witnesses at hearings in the Select Committee's inquiry.

In light of the above, and as per my previous response, I will not be appearing as a witness at the hearing on Thursday 22 May 2025.

Regards,

James
