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SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PARTIAL DEFENCE OF PROVOCATION

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Select Committee to extend Inquiry into provocation defence

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The Select Committee on the Partial Defence of Provocation will extend its Inquiry until early next year to allow it time to closely consider the complex partial defence and to develop recommendations.

Chairman of the Committee, Reverend the Honourable Fred Nile MLC, said today that the Select Committee would benefit from additional time to allow for a full and proper investigation of the submissions and evidence received.

"The Committee has received over fifty submissions and held three days of public hearings. A significant number of stakeholders have also provided comment on a range of options proposed throughout the Inquiry. The Committee is keen to ensure that all options are fully and comprehensively examined and considered before delivering its findings."

The Upper House today agreed to a motion by Reverend Nile that the Committee table its report no later than the first Wednesday of the first sitting week of 2013.

For more information, including terms of reference, submissions and hearing transcripts, please visit the Committee's website at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/provocationinquiry.

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