



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PARTIAL DEFENCE OF PROVOCATION

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Select Committee to extend reporting date into provocation defence**

The Select Committee on the Partial Defence of Provocation has unanimously decided to extend its Inquiry until early May to allow additional time to develop recommendations relating to the partial defence.

Chairman of the Committee, Reverend the Honourable Fred Nile MLC, said today that additional time would enable Committee time to develop appropriate recommendations.

“Over the course of the Inquiry, the Committee has considered a huge amount of complex material, and stakeholder feedback has indicated that this delicate area of the law requires considerable attention. The Committee is determined to ensure that the Inquiry has adequate time to enable it to respond to community concerns about the partial defence. The Committee therefore unanimously decided that an extension of the reporting date to no later than 2 May 2013 will ensure that the Committee can make appropriate recommendations.”

The Upper House today agreed to a motion by Reverend Nile that the Committee table its report by Thursday, 2 May 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](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/provocationinquiry).

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