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## TERRORISM BILL SHOULD NOT BE RUSHED THROUGH THE NSW PARLIAMENT IN ONE DAY

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The NSW Government today introduced into the NSW Parliament the Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Police Powers and Parole) Bill 2017. The Bill, among other things, enables the Commissioner of Police to declare an incident to which police officers are responding to be a terrorist act, authorising the use of force (including lethal force) by police. Pursuant to the Bill, the consequence of such a declaration is that police officers will not incur criminal liability for the use of force for the purposes of that authorised police action.

It is understood that the NSW Government is seeking to have the Bill pass both Houses of Parliament today.

The President of the NSW Bar Association Arthur Moses SC and the President of the Law Society, Pauline Wright, said:

“The NSW Bar Association and the Law Society of NSW support any legislative measures that enable the NSW Police to use lawful force to save the lives of people being detained by terrorists. However, we urge the Government to allow proper consideration of the Bill to ensure that it does not contain any unintended consequences and in fact meets the objectives it purports to be directed at achieving. Rushing an important Bill through the Parliament in one day does not allow the Parliament or other parties to properly consider the Bill.”

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