



A Police Minister Council meeting (PMC) was held virtually on Wednesday 17 December 2025. The meeting was chaired by the Hon Tony Burke, Minister for Home Affairs. All jurisdictions including New Zealand were represented by Ministers or Senior Officials except New South Wales given the response underway on the Bondi terrorist incident. NSW has been consulted on the content of this communique.

## Bondi Beach Terror Attack

### Participants:

- (a) **noted** the operational update provided by the Australian Federal Police on behalf of the Joint Counter Terrorism Team.
- (b) **condemned** the senseless anti-Semitic terrorist incident and tragic loss of life.
- (c) **praised** the bravery of community members, law enforcement and first responders
- (d) **noted** the acknowledgement in the National Firearms Agreement that firearms possession and use is a privilege that is conditional on the overriding need to ensure public safety.
- (e) **agreed** a Senior Officials Group will be established to support the Police Ministers Council and Standing Committee of Attorneys-General to develop options to implement the National Cabinet decision supporting the work of Premier Minns and Premier Cook who are leading and coordinating this work across jurisdictions. The Senior Officials Group will look at options and consult on:
  - a. Accelerating work on standing up the National Firearms Register;
  - b. Allowing for additional use of criminal intelligence to underpin firearms licencing that can be used in administrative licencing regimes;
  - c. Limiting the number of firearms to be held by any one individual;
  - d. Limiting open-ended firearms licencing and the types of guns that are legal, including modifications; and
  - e. A condition of a firearm license is holding Australian citizenship.
- (f) **agreed** in light of the anti-Semitic terrorist incident, that the Senior Officials Group referenced at point e, also examine hate crimes legislation, the different constitutional powers of jurisdictions and examine options for strengthening these laws.
- (g) **noted** the first phase of the national hate crimes and incidents database.

## Child Protection

### Participants

- (a) **noted** the significant rise in reports and referrals of online child exploitation and the challenges and complexities of the operating environment.
- (b) **noted** the collective efforts of law enforcement to address online child sexual abuse through the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation and Joint Anti Child Exploitation Teams.



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- (c) **noted** the benefits of emerging technology to support law enforcement to identify children at harm and minimise officer exposure to child exploitation material.
- (d) **agreed** to the need for a nationally consistent approach to emerging technologies with collaboration on capability building and sharing of information, including ethical considerations.
- (e) **agreed** to strengthen partnerships across governments with law enforcement and non-law enforcement bodies (including the education sector) to enhance prevention and disruption efforts.

### Illicit Tobacco

Participants:

- (a) **agreed** that Commonwealth, states and territory governments will continue to work closely to develop options to strengthen consequences for criminal networks involved in the trade of illicit tobacco and e-cigarettes.

### Inter-governmental Committee on the Australian Crime Commission

Participants, in their capacity as members of the Inter-governmental Committee on the Australian Crime Commission (IGC-ACC)

- (a) **noted** the update on implementation of the *Independent Review of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and associated Commonwealth law enforcement arrangements*.