

# NSW COUNTER TERRORISM STRATEGY SUMMARY

The NSW Government is investing heavily in measures to protect the people of NSW. NSW has the toughest laws and most robust arrangements in the country to counter terrorism and violent extremism. This strategy outlines the NSW Government's coordinated approach to addressing this evolving threat.

## PRINCIPLES

Our counter terrorism and countering violent extremism efforts are guided by the following principles:

- Community safety is our first priority
- Efforts to enhance public safety reinforce our way of life
- We all share responsibility for action
- Our approach is based on evidence and intelligence
- Our approach is responsive and able to adapt



## OBJECTIVES AND FOCUS AREAS

We are implementing comprehensive and diverse measures to achieve the following objectives:

### Resilience

We promote community harmony, improve community resilience to violent extremism, support young people and schools in local communities, and respond when incidents threaten our community cohesion.

### Diversion and disengagement

We divert vulnerable people away from violent extremism, and disengage those who have already adopted violent extremist views.

### Disruption

We assess and respond to potential threats posed by fixated persons, share intelligence, and disrupt terrorist networks and plans.

### Protection

We protect people, assets and critical infrastructure, and secure information.

### Incident management

We resolve terrorist incidents, recover from incidents and support victims, and promote community harmony in recovery.



# GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT



## Governance

Countering terrorism and violent extremism requires coordinated action from all levels of government. The Premier leads the state's effort, supported by the Attorney General, the Minister for Police, the Minister for Counter Terrorism, and the Minister for Corrections. A range of committees and groups across government drive policy development in counter terrorism and countering violent extremism, and work closely with established policy committees for emergency management and cyber security. Dedicated operational groups will respond in the event of a terrorist incident.

## Legislative framework

NSW has the toughest counter terror laws in Australia, which ensure police and intelligence agencies have the powers to protect NSW citizens against terrorism and violent extremism.



# EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT



We contribute to a national, cooperative approach that incorporates the Commonwealth Government, other state and territory governments, and local government. We also work collaboratively with the private sector, the community, external experts and our international counterparts. We need to face the challenges of terrorism and violent extremism together.

# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



We will continue to invest in practical responses to counter terrorism and violent extremism. As the nature of threats changes, so too must our responses. We will partner with industry to harness new technologies. We will also continue to learn and improve by evaluating our programs, using our strong links with researchers and by benchmarking against international best practice.