

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE



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Hon P.B. Watson MLA  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Speaker

### **Inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts**

#### **EXTENSION TO REPORTING DATE**

At a meeting on 31 January 2018, the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee resolved to conduct an inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts. The Committee indicated it would report the outcome of this inquiry to the Legislative Assembly by 22 November 2018.

As the inquiry has progressed, the complexity of the counter-terrorism environment both nationally and within Western Australia has become increasingly clear. According to several contributors to the inquiry, other Australian jurisdictions have not addressed many of the matters that the Committee is considering. National and state counter-terrorism frameworks are also undergoing a period of review and restructuring.

Consequently, the Committee has resolved to extend the inquiry to 28 March 2019. At this stage, it is the intention of the Committee to table a report or paper in October 2018. A second or final report will be published in early 2019.

Yours sincerely

**MR P.A. KATSAMBANIS, MLA**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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