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PRESS RELEASE

LEPRA: Release of Reports

The Police Association of NSW today welcomed the two reports released by the NSW Premier, Barry O'Farrell into the laws relating to police powers.

The reports into the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act (LEPRA) include a second report by former Police Minister the Hon Paul Whelan and former Shadow Attorney General Andrew Tink.

This report focuses on police powers in relation to investigations and questioning and the supplying of police officers' details.

Also released today is the completed Statutory Review of LEPRA, which has highlighted some of the complexities of LEPRA and how it affects the day-to-day work of police.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, "We thank the NSW Government, former Shadow Attorney General, Andrew Tink and former Police Minister the Hon Paul Whelan, for their remarkable efforts with their review and reports on the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act.

"Today's reports acknowledge the concerns raised by front-line police. We look forward to the Government's formal response to the statutory review, including draft legislative changes, in early 2014.

"Our members were pleased to see the first report by Mr Whelan and Mr Tink, highlight the necessary reforms needed to make the often difficult job of policing easier for police officers.

"The resulting legislation to clarify police arrest powers meant frontline police could get on with doing their job protecting the community without having to deal with legal complexities."

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