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### **COURT SECURITY: Common Sense Prevails**

The Police Association of NSW today welcomed the announcement to allow police to wear their arms and appointments in court.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, “This decision delivers police, and all those attending Courts around the State, the protection and security they deserve.

“This important safety issue was raised and campaigned by the PANSW over many months; we repeatedly requested the Chief Magistrate and the Sheriff’s Office to remove the prohibition on police wearing their firearms and appointments in NSW Courts.

“Our members have expressed grave concerns regarding their security in courtrooms and court complexes, for themselves and for people attending these courts on any given day.

“Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Troy Grant MP should be praised for his astute common sense approach to this issue, with the State Government and the NSW Police Force, who agreed with our stance that this was a community safety concern.

“The Commissioner and his executive team have worked to resolve this issue for our members. Once it was brought to their attention they engaged with the many stakeholders in control of Courts and their security.

“We thank the Commissioner and Executive Team for their efforts in ceasing this unsafe working practice. This support enables our members to protect themselves and the public.

“Given the environment we live and work in, this outcome is a win for both police and public safety. It is an example of good sense and sound judgement, and is a great example of the Police Association, NSW Police and the Government, through Deputy Premier Grant, working together to help protect those who protect NSW.”

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