



Parliament of New South Wales

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

VIOLENCE AND THE MEDIA CONFERENCE

Motion by the Hon. Greg Donnelly agreed to:

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes:

(a) on 18th July 2016 the Australian Council on Children and the Media in partnership with the Children and Families Research Centre at Macquarie University conducted a one-day conference at the Parliament of New South Wales, Theatre. The subject of the conference was Violence in the media: The stories and the science, and

(b) the purpose of the conference, the fifth in the series dating back to 2009, was to focus on:

- i. unpacking the myths and presenting the scientific facts about violence in the media;
- ii. the role industry plays in shaping public perceptions on this topic;
- iii. the reporting of violence in the media and how this might impact further violence at an individual and societal level; and
- iv. the issue of developing effective evidence-based policy in these key areas.

(c) the Chairperson for the day was Professor Alan Hayes AM, and

(d) the opening address was delivered by Mr Andrew Scipione AO, APM, Commissioner, NSW Police Force, and

(e) the line-up featured a number of internationally renowned scholars including:

- i. Distinguished Professor Craig Anderson (USA);
- ii. Amos N. Tversky Professor L. Rowell Huesmann (USA);
- iii. Professor Barbara Krahe (Germany);
- iv. Professor Douglas Gentile (USA);
- v. Dr Wayne Warburton, (Australia); and
- vi. Professor Elizabeth Handsley (Australia).

(f) the discussion panel facilitated by Professor Elizabeth Handsley included Noni Hazlehurst AM, Sally Sara AM, Professor Graham Vimpani AM and Dr Wayne Warburton.

2. That this House acknowledges and congratulates the Australian Council on Children and the Media and the Children and Families Research Centre at Macquarie University for undertaking the organisation and conduct of the conference and may they continue their most important research and advocacy work on the issue of media violence and its impact on children and young people.

Signed:


The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC

Dated: 10th August 2016

