



# **The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP**

## **Premier of NSW**

### **Minister for Western Sydney**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PREMIER ORDERS URGENT REVIEW OF HARBOUR BRIDGE SECURITY**

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell has today ordered an urgent review of Sydney Harbour Bridge security following this morning's incident.

Mr O'Farrell apologised to motorists for the disruption and delays caused by this morning's protest.

"I'm as frustrated as anyone at this morning's disruption for people travelling to work, but I'm more concerned how someone was able to climb to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge," Mr O'Farrell said.

"This is a major security breach and we need to learn lessons from it.

"The review will investigate the adequacy of measures including:

- Security patrols
- CCTV
- Physical protection barriers, like gates and fences
- Criminal charges and penalties

"With the threat of terrorism still very real, my Government will ensure everything possible is done to protect the security of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

"It's the city's icon and I regard any security breaches to be very serious.

"I also want to make sure that every step is taken to ensure motorists do not face more frustrating delays because someone wants to use the Bridge to wage some kind of protest.

"The response from the Police, RTA and other authorities today was good, but we need to learn from today's incident and my Government will do that," Mr O'Farrell said.

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