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**LABOR CALLS FOR INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OVER  
INVESTIGATION INTO SURRY HILLS INCIDENT**

NSW Labor is calling for the Police Minister, David Elliot to ensure the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) has independent oversight into the arrest of a 16 year old Aboriginal boy at Surry Hills on Monday.

Labor shares the deep concerns that exist across the community regarding the incident.

The LECC should also review the guidelines for how NSW Police officers interact with Aboriginal and young people.

Labor awaits the outcome of the investigation and acknowledges that the police officer involved in the arrest has been placed on restricted duties.

Excessive violence or abuse of power by anyone in authority, including police officers, must not be tolerated.

It is critical to maintain trust between police and the community and are harmful to our democracy and to the rule of law.

Aboriginal people are over represented in the NSW judicial system.

The Government must do more to build trust between young people and the police and review how officers interact with young people to ensure the law and human rights are always upheld.

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