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## Bipartisan play dashed by Dutton's war of words

EXCLUSIVE

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A flurry of last-minute meetings yesterday between Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Opposition Leader Peter Dutton could not avoid an acrimonious division in what was envisioned as a bipartisan moment to mark the anniversary of the terror attacks that killed about 1200 Israelis.

The opposition leader was withering in his rejection of the prime minister's motion commemorating the October 7 massacre, saying Albanese stood condemned for trying to "walk both sides of the street in relation to what has been a very divisive debate for our country".

Dutton told the House of Representatives that Albanese had designed his motion "for his own political domestic advancement and that has been recognised by millions of Australians, and for that, the prime minister should be condemned."

Dutton wrote to Albanese in a letter dated Sunday, October 6, but which Labor sources said was received on Monday, "seeking your agreement to co-sponsor the attached motion commemorating the anniversary".

While both motions unequivocally condemned the Hamas attacks, expressed solidarity with



Acrimony: Peter Dutton and Anthony Albanese in question time yesterday. Photos: Pariview, Alex Ellinghausen

Jewish Australians and condemned antisemitism, they differed in that Labor's motion called for a de-escalation, a ceasefire and a two-state solution.

The Coalition's motion included stronger repudiations of Australians who support "barbarous" terror organisations such as Hezbollah, and stated that Israel shares the "same liberal democratic values as Australia ...

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'We are the lions ... they are the ants'

The Israelis who refuse to flee despite Hezbollah rockets

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## Minns' plan is 'stoking' division

Islamic leaders have accused Premier Chris Minns of stoking community division by flagging plans to make it harder for pro-Palestinian demonstrators to hold marches through Sydney, saying his continued criticism of the protest movement undermined their calls for calm. Minns yesterday flagged his intention to make it easier for police to object to protest marches.

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## Banning protests over policing costs is a bridge too far

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## Police take action over staff shortages

Hundreds of police officers across Sydney's south-west have stopped non-urgent work, including attending pro-Palestine rallies, until NSW Police addresses what the state's police union claims are chronic staff shortages.

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## HOUSING PUSH

# State seizes control of sites

EXCLUSIVE

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The Minns government has seized control of planning at 11 key sites around Sydney and NSW, promising to deliver new homes faster by expanding a controversial program introduced by the Coalition just before the election.

The new policy allows the gov-

ernment to take over rezoning proposals already in the planning system if it deems them "unreasonably delayed" or of state or regional significance. Under the previous policy, only fresh proposals could be considered.

Among the 11 sites are the Parramatta Road corridor in the inner west, which was supposed to be rezoned years ago, and Kurnell Peninsula, where a family com-

## Greens misleading voters on housing, says ALP

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pany wants to build a new suburb of 4300 homes on its massive landholding.

The renamed State-Significant Rezoning Policy was quietly published online late last month. It replaces the Rezoning Pathways Program adopted by the Liberals

in December 2022, which was welcomed by developers but condemned as "secretive" by some councils.

On the Kurnell Peninsula, the Holt family company Besmah has for decades sought to build a suburb on a 210-hectare former sand mine it has owned since 1861. In February, it lodged a new proposal with Sutherland Shire Council, described as "the culmination of six

years of extensive engagement with government stakeholders".

The plans include 4333 new homes - 2743 of them in high-rise apartments - 10,000 square metres of shops, 142 hectares of public open space, and widening Captain Cook Drive to four lanes (the site is far from Cronulla train station). The suburb would be named Bidhinja Beach.

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