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### *The Speaker of the House of Representatives meets with the Governor of New South Wales*

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr Anglu Farrugia, held a significant meeting today with Margaret Beazley AC, KC, the Governor of New South Wales, to discuss key bilateral issues and the longstanding relationship between Malta and Australia.

During the meeting, Dr Farrugia and Governor Beazley focused on a range of topics central to the Maltese-Australian partnership. Foremost among these was the contribution of the Maltese community to Australia's development, particularly in New South Wales, where a large and vibrant Maltese diaspora has flourished over the years.

The Speaker expressed his deep appreciation for the remarkable achievements of the Maltese community in New South Wales, noting their significant role in the social, cultural, and economic fabric of the state. The Maltese community in New South Wales has not only preserved their rich heritage but has also made invaluable contributions to the growth and prosperity of Australia.

The discussions also explored avenues for enhanced cooperation between Malta and New South Wales. Both leaders emphasized the importance of fostering closer ties in areas of mutual interest, including trade, education, and cultural exchanges. Dr Farrugia and Governor Beazley agreed that by leveraging the strengths of both Malta and New South Wales, the two regions can create new opportunities for their people and contribute to a stronger bilateral relationship between Malta and Australia as a whole.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to furthering dialogue and collaboration, ensuring that the strong bonds between Malta and New South Wales continue to grow for the benefit of both nations.

The Deputy Speaker of the House, David Agius was also present for the meeting.