



Honourable Neil Roberts MP
Member for Nudgee



**Minister for Police, Corrective Services
and Emergency Services**

Ref: 12626 P3-4 TMc TA

21 DEC 2011

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions numbered 1743-11 and 1813-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 15 and 16 November 2011 respectively by the Honourable Margaret Keech MP, Member for Albert. The petitions call for the establishment a 24-hour police station located in the Ormeau area.

I referred this matter to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) which advises that senior police management are continually reviewing and evaluating the need to prioritise allocated regional resources for the judicious delivery of policing services within the Ormeau area and throughout the South Eastern Police Region.

I am further advised the South Eastern Region has put forward the establishment of a 24-hour police station at Ormeau as the region's leading capital works priority in response to the QPS 2011–2015 Strategic Capital Planning Committee priorities submissions. Inclusive of the submission was a request for immediate 'land banking' to occur in the Ormeau area positioned to meet critical operational demands.

The Bligh Government is committed to providing the growing number of Queensland police officers with the best facilities and resources possible to serve the people of Queensland. In 2011-12, the Bligh Government will provide the QPS with more than \$2.1 billion to enable it to continue its efforts to drive down the rate of crime and protect and serve the community.

Further, in 2009 the Bligh Government gave a three-year commitment to increase police numbers by up to 600 officers, bringing the total number of police to more than 10 600 by March 2012. The final instalment of 152 officers from that election commitment was confirmed on 15 August 2011. I was pleased to announce the South Eastern Region would receive 35 of the 152 positions.

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These positions will be allocated to the Coomera Police District through:

- the creation of a 14-officer Tactical Crime Squad, with seven officers to be allocated in 2011-12 and another seven officers to be allocated in the 2012-13 financial year;
- the creation of three extra dog squad officer positions;
- two additional general duties officers each for Coomera and Nerang Stations; and
- the upgrading of the Coomera District Child Protection and Investigation Unit to a Senior Sergeant Officer-in-Charge.

As a result, the number of police officers in the South Eastern Region will have increased by around 54% since 1998. The ongoing and ever-increasing funding from this Government demonstrates our continuing commitment to law and order. We are determined to ensure Queensland remains a safe place to live, visit and to do business, including on the Gold Coast.

Senior Sergeant Murray Croft, Officer in Charge, Beenleigh Station, is available on telephone 3801 0712 for any further assistance required.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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