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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I wish to acknowledge receipt of Parliament of Queensland E-Petition 2718-17 sponsored by Mr Bruce Saunders MP, Member for Maryborough, on behalf of principal petitioner, Ms Faye Whiffin, requesting a second police vehicle for the Howard Police Station.

In order to address the issues raised in the petition, I sought advice from the Queensland Police Service (QPS). I am advised that the QPS regularly reviews resourcing requirements for each policing area across the state. The allocation of police resources is determined by a number of factors including population growth, crime rates, and calls for service.

Howard Police Station currently has a staff of five officers with one marked patrol vehicle allocated. Due to the 24 hour nature of policing services, these officers rarely all work at the same time to provide maximum policing presence in the Howard police division. At times where three or more officers are working, an additional vehicle is provided from within the Maryborough Patrol Group for that purpose.

The allocation of additional resources, including vehicles, is undertaken on a needs basis. Should a specific need be identified in relation to an additional fleet vehicle, the District Superintendent, Wide Bay Burnett District, will make a resource request to the Assistant Commissioner, Central Region. The Assistant Commissioner will prioritise any requests, usually annually, and after consideration of needs across the region make a resource request to the QPS Demand and Resource Committee which examines the needs across Queensland.

In the past two years, Wide Bay Burnett District has been allocated second vehicles at Bargara Police Station that has ten officers and Childers Police Station that has eight officers through this process.

The Wide Bay Burnett District monitors the needs of the Howard Police Station, keeping in mind its proximity to the Hervey Bay and Maryborough police divisions that provide additional policing services, including vehicles, when required.

The QPS will continue to monitor the need for an additional vehicle at Howard Police Station; however, that vehicle is not required at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance and thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Ryan".

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP  
**Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and  
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