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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 10 August 2017 in relation to petitions received by the Legislative Assembly relating to the planning and construction of a Police Station at Ormeau and the provision of 50 additional police officers to the northern Gold Coast.

In order to address the issues raised in the petition, I have sought advice from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and have been informed of the significant population growth and infrastructure development in the northern Gold Coast, including the planned Coomera Town Centre and significant residential developments in the Ormeau and Pimpama areas.

The allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner of Police following a detailed assessment of a number of issues including area growth, crime and safety issues, calls for service, new or emerging issues and facility requirements.

Other considerations include technology advances, including the current mobility strategy and the evaluation of current trials within the Gold Coast District. These trials include the relocation of the two Rapid Action Patrol Group teams to the Coomera Station in June 2016 and also the redeployment of 13 officers from Surfers Paradise to Coomera Division in April 2017. The QPS is constantly reviewing the options available to ensure the best possible service is provided to the people of Queensland, including those in the Ormeau area.

The QPS is currently developing its Major Capital Works Program for 2017 to 2020. The projected population growth for the Ormeau area and the delivery of policing services will be considered as part of this process. The needs of all Queensland communities must be considered against State-wide priorities.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require further information, Mr Mark Biddulph, Chief of Staff, is available on telephone (07) 3035 8300.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ryan', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
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