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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 2018 about a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No 2879-18 in relation to the establishment of a police beat or police station in the Ormeau and Pimpama area.

I am advised that policing services to the Ormeau and Pimpama area are delivered by Coomera Police Station which provides a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week police capability, with officers performing proactive mobile patrols and responding to calls for service.

Further, I can advise that, in June 2018, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) provided 10 full-time permanent, additional positions to the Coomera division to meet community needs. Two Rapid Action & Patrol Group (RAP) teams were also deployed to the Coomera Police complex.

Policing services are also delivered in the Norfolk Village area by two officers stationed at the Neighbourhood Police Beat. One of these officers resides in the Beat house.

Any calls for service relating to Pimpama, Ormeau or other locations, are dealt with in accordance with the QPS priority policing model which means that, in a high priority situation, any available officer can be tasked to respond.

Gold Coast police have the flexibility to move resources when needed to ensure community safety. In addition to officers stationed at Coomera Police Station and the Norfolk Village Neighbourhood Police Beat, personnel from other district, regional and centralised support functions, including Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, RAP, Road Policing Command, Scenes of Crime, Helicopter Support Unit and Dog Squad, respond to local issues as required.

The Gold Coast District has a Tasking and Coordination Centre (DTACC) to enhance the coordination of resources and provide a more efficient and effective response to calls for service. This is underpinned by real-time analysis of intelligence to ensure a strong focus on proactively targeting people, places and crime types which pose the greatest harm to the Gold Coast community. The DTACC is proving an effective tool in coordinating policing services across the Gold Coast, including policing services in the Pimpama and Ormeau areas.

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I am advised that Inspector Ray Vine, Northern Patrol Group, Gold Coast Police District, contacted the principal petitioner, Mr Blake Smith, on 20 September and provided advice about local policing services being delivered in the Pimpama and Ormeau areas. I understand that Mr Smith indicated his appreciation for the opportunity to discuss his concerns with a senior officer.

In relation to police resources, the Palaszczuk Government has committed to an additional 535 frontline police and operational specialists by 2021-22, including 115 counter terrorism specialists for the new Security and Counter Terrorism Command.

Determination of appropriate staffing is made following a detailed assessment of area growth, safety issues and new or emerging issues. The allocation of resources is determined by the Commissioner of Police, free from political interference. This also encourages a fair and equitable service throughout the State.

Policing in Queensland is no longer governed by lines on a map. Police surge in numbers wherever they are needed, whenever they are needed and QPS continues to monitor policing needs to ensure the best possible service is provided to keep communities safe.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
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Minister for Corrective Services