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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 17 May 2018 about a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No 2933-18.

I appreciate the concerns expressed by the petitioners and referred this matter to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) so that I can be better informed about the issues raised.

The QPS advises that an analysis of data to date for this financial year, when compared to last financial year, clearly reveals that overall property crime is reducing with significant reductions being experienced in respect of some crime classes. These reductions can be attributable to a combination of appropriate policing strategies and support from the community in crime prevention initiatives.

While these reductions are a positive step, youth crime does continue to present a challenge to the community. The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to supporting police by providing the appropriate resources that are required to perform their vital service. The Government will also maintain its commitment to the many programs aimed at reducing the rates of offending by young people, and work with the community to identify opportunities to improve the criminal justice system.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should your office require further information, Ms Ellen McIntyre, Chief of Staff, is available on (07) 3035 8300.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ryan', written in a cursive style.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
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