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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2018 about a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No 2951/18 in relation to the current permanent police officer allocation to the Collinsville and Scottsville area of the State. I am informed Scottsville is a small housing estate within the Collinsville area.

I am advised that Collinsville has two full-time uniformed police officers, supported by an administration officer, who live and work in the town. Further policing support is available at Bowen, which has a 24 hour police station. Both Collinsville and Bowen are within the Mackay Police District.

The QPS, through the District Officer at Mackay, closely monitors the police workload, type of calls and demands for service. I am advised that the District Officer, in consultation with the Officer in Charge and the Country Inspector, conduct regular assessments of the policing needs of Collinsville to ensure community needs and expectations are met and maintained.

The Scottsville area also has a dedicated domestic violence officer who supports people experiencing domestic and family violence and provides specialist education and training to operational officers.

The QPS advises that the current level of staffing is sufficient. Further, should there be any short-term changes in policing activities or known planned events, additional police are deployed to Collinsville.

The District Officer of Mackay Police District ensures that there is a minimum of two officers stationed at Collinsville for policing services and responses. Regular support is also provided to the permanent officers from the District Crime Prevention Unit, Bowen and Mackay Road Policing Units, Bowen Criminal Investigation Branch detectives, Mackay District Tactical Crime Squad and the District Liquor Enforcement Unit.

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The allocation of police resources is determined by the Police Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, safety issues and any new or emerging issues. The Police Commissioner makes this decision, free of any political interference, which is as it should be. This also ensures a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.

I have been assured that the QPS will continue to monitor policing needs in the community to ensure high levels of safety continue to be maintained.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
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