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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 14 February 2019 relating to petition 2966-18 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly about Burpengary Police Station.

I appreciate the petitioners' concerns and asked the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to investigate this matter.

I am advised that Sergeant Michelle Hevers of Burpengary Station spoke with the Principal Petitioner, Ms Josephine Garmeister, on 26 February to discuss this matter.

The QPS has advised that the Burpengary Police Station, which commenced operation in 2009, provides a 24 hour policing presence to the community. The officers are supported by district resources such as the Tactical Crime Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch, Dog Squad and Scenes of Crime, which are also based within the complex. The station has a blue emergency phone located at the front entrance for members of the public to report non-urgent matters to Policelink should the front counter be unattended or not accessible.

I am advised that officers from Burpengary perform high visibility patrols of the area. Further, calls for service received by the QPS are evaluated within the Communications Centre and prioritised to ensure a timely, high quality and efficient policing service is provided to the community.

What's more, the Moreton Police District of which Burpengary Police Division forms part includes the Caboolture Police Division. The Caboolture Police Station is, like Burpengary Police Station, a 24/7 policing facility with the added service of having a 24/7 public counter service.

A new Caboolture police facility is currently being constructed and will provide further enhancements to local policing services into the future.

Importantly, the QPS constantly reviews options available to ensure the best possible service is provided to the people of Queensland, including people living in the Burpengary and Caboolture areas.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

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
**Minister for Police and
Minister for Corrective Services**