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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2019 relating to petitions 3243-19 and 3127-19 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly about policing in the Ormeau/Pimpama area.

The Palaszczuk Government takes the concerns of the community seriously and we are committed to supporting police in their efforts to keep our community safe.

I can advise that the Member for Gaven, Ms Meaghan Scanlon MP, has been a strong advocate for local police and for a new police facility to be built on the Northern Coast.

On 8 August 2019, in the company of Ms Scanlon, I officially announced a new police facility will be built in Pimpama by the Palaszczuk Government. The new police facility will be co-located with a Queensland Fire and Emergency Service facility on 2.4 hectares of land at the corner of Cox and Yawalpah Roads, Pimpama.

In addition, the Police Commissioner has announced that an extra 20 officers will be allocated to the Coomera and Nerang Policing Divisions by mid-2020. These new officers are funded by the Palaszczuk Government.

Currently, policing services to the Ormeau and Pimpama areas are provided by the 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. Modern day policing is about agility in service delivery. With the advent of technology, the focus is on police officers being out and about in the community, ready to respond.

In addition to officers stationed at Coomera Police Station and the Norfolk Village 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 can respond to local issues in the Ormeau and Pimpama area as required.

The Gold Coast District has a dedicated District Tasking and Coordination Centre (DTACC), to coordinate resources and deliver 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 those services being delivered in the Pimpama and Ormeau areas.

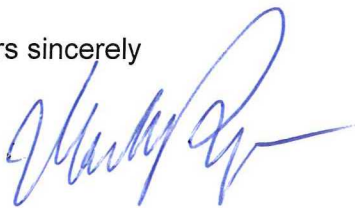
In relation to police resources, the Palaszczuk Government has committed to an additional 535 police personnel by 2021-22, including 115 counter terrorism specialists for the new Security and Counter Terrorism Command.

I am further advised that the determination of appropriate staffing is made on the basis of operational policing and direct service delivery requirements to ensure a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the State. These requirements can change as new policing issues emerge. Furthermore, the allocation of resources is an operational decision made by the Commissioner of Police, free from political interference.

The Queensland Police Service is constantly reviewing the options available to ensure the best possible service is provided to the people of Queensland, including those residing in the Pimpama and Ormeau 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
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