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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 19 May 2020 relating to Petition No. 3302-20 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly about community safety in the Hendra Police Division.

I referred this petition to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) so that I can be better informed about the issues raised.

I can advise that a major boost to policing is well underway in Brisbane's northern suburbs, based out of the Hendra Police Station, where eight police officers from the Tactical Crime Squad have joined their police colleagues at Hendra Station in a community safety blitz.

The North Brisbane Police District has allocated more police officers into the South Gateway Patrol Group to support officers at Hendra Station to continue their good work in the prevention and detection of crime.

Local police are supported by dedicated intelligence staff to target criminals breaking into businesses, houses and stealing cars. This means the community is seeing more police, more often.

Officers from the Road Policing Command are also highly visible in the area as they target hooning and traffic related offences and bicycle patrols are also underway with additional police officers.

'Operation Hendra Reduce' is achieving high volume, high visibility patrols, and boosted covert initiatives to detect, deter, prevent and prosecute offenders. With a focus on enhancing community safety, the operation involves local and specialist officers targeting:

- Unlawful use of motor vehicles;
- Unlawful entry of vehicles;
- Unlawful entry of dwellings and businesses; and
- Stealing from vehicles.

The QPS seeks support from members of the community to report suspicious activity and to also assist in the prevention of offences by securing vehicles and residences, locking away valuable items, recording serial numbers or having items inscribed to allow easy identification.

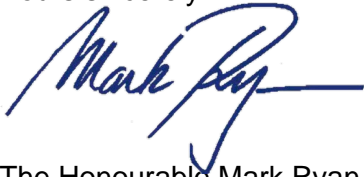
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The squad is also using automatic number plate recognition equipment to detect stolen vehicles and Polair helicopters for dangerous pursuits.

The Government has delivered a record investment in youth justice reforms to reduce offending and reoffending, with more than \$550 million in youth justice reforms since 2017.

The Government is continuing to build on these reforms with a recently announced crack down on recidivist youth offenders. These changes include tougher action on bail, including amending the legislation to strengthen the law so there is no doubt in the minds of the community that their safety must come first.

Yours sincerely

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

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
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