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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 348-04

In accordance with the Sessional Orders for Petitions, please find enclosed an electronic copy of my response to the Principal Petitioner (Ms Sheila Leivers) for tabled petition number 348-04 relating to the establishment of a 'Police Beat' in the area of the Caboolture South Community Renewal project.

Yours sincerely

**Judy Spence MP**  
Minister for Police and Corrective Services

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17 September 2004

Ms Sheila Leivers  
62 Norfolk Esplanade  
CABOOLTURE SOUTH QLD 4510

Dear Ms Leivers

I refer to correspondence in the form of a petition by Caboolture residents concerning the establishment of a Police Beat in the area of the Caboolture South Community Renewal project.

I referred this matter to the Queensland Police Service and am advised that in relation to Police Beats and Shopfronts, there are thirty-four Neighbourhood Police Beats and forty-eight Police Beat Shopfronts throughout Queensland. The Tullawong Neighbourhood Police Beat and the Morayfield Police Beat Shopfront are already established in the Caboolture area. The Caboolture Police Station is situated in King Street, near the intersection of Morayfield Road.

The Government is committed to establishing an additional twenty-five Police Beats statewide over the next three years. At this stage, all new Police Beats have been identified as Neighbourhood Beats. A new Neighbourhood Police Beat is to be established in the North Coast Police Region at Burpengary during the 2004/05 financial year. The Queensland Police Service is presently seeking out a suitable location within this area to accommodate the proposed Police Beat.

Should additional Police Beats be considered over the next three years, the proposal for the establishment of a Police Beat in the area of the Caboolture South Community Renewal project will be considered.

I am further advised that Acting Inspector Daryl Keys of Redcliffe District has contacted you to discuss your concerns regarding the establishment of a police beat and the perceived lack of a permanent policing presence in the Caboolture South area.

I am also advised that the Caboolture South Community Renewal Project coordinated a planning day on 23 August 2004. The planning day was the first phase of developing of five year Strategic Action Plan for the Caboolture Shire. The key issues identified in the plan are:

- Domestic Violence and Family Issues;
- Social and Economic disadvantages (homelessness and accommodation issues);
- Youth issues;
- Substance abuse;
- Property crime; and
- Urban planning and design.

This process will assist in the general policing of the Caboolture area.

I am further advised that the Caboolture South Project falls within the Caboolture Police Division, which is part of the Redcliffe Police District. Additional police responses within the Caboolture Police Division can be provided by a range of Queensland Police Service units, including the Redcliffe District Criminal Investigation Branch, the Juvenile Aid Bureau, the Traffic Branch and the Dog Squad. In addition, a Tactical Crime Squad, based at Deception Bay, is now operational and will further attempt to address unlawful conduct throughout the Redcliffe Police District.

Should you witness an offence, you are encouraged to report the matter immediately by dialing triple zero in the event of an emergency. For all non-emergencies, please contact either Caboolture Station on telephone 5495 0444 or the Redcliffe Police Communications Centre on telephone 3283 0555.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**Judy Spence MP**

Minister for Police and Corrective Services

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