



Minister for Police and Corrective Services and
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your correspondence of 11 May 2023 regarding petition 3878-23 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 9 May 2023.

The Queensland Government and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) understands the value that a Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) facility can bring to a local community and the concerns petitioners raise are respectfully acknowledged.

I am advised by the QPS that while PCYC Queensland is supported by the Queensland Government, it is a private company overseen by a Board of Directors and operates independent of government. Accordingly, as a private charitable organisation, PCYC Queensland makes its own decision about where a PCYC facility may be located.

As such, the establishment of a PCYC in any location is a business decision for consideration by PCYC Queensland's Board of Directors and I encourage the principal petitioner to contact the Board directly about the proposal.

That being said, I am advised by the QPS that the Commissioner of Police supports-in-principle the establishment of a PCYC on the Northern Gold Coast and would provide the usual support associated with such a facility.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Ryan".

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
**Minister for Police and Corrective Services and
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