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18 July 2005

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

Dear Mr Laurie

Please find enclosed a copy of my response to the Principal Petitioner (Mr William Brown) for tabled petition number 463-05 relating to the temporary closure of Redland Bay Police Station.

An electronic version of the response has been emailed to your office.

Yours sincerely

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

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Mr William Brown  
12 Keirnan Street  
REDLAND BAY QLD 4165

Dear Mr Brown

I refer to the petition to members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, signed by you and a number of other citizens, requesting a police shop front in the Redland Bay area due to the temporary closure of Redland Bay Police Station for redevelopment purposes.

As I announced at a public meeting held on 24 March 2005 to discuss this issue, the Government has approved a proposal to establish a temporary facility to maintain local policing services, including a counter service, for Redland Bay residents while the new \$3.7 million police station is being constructed.

This facility, known as the Redland Bay Police Beat, commenced operations on 16 May 2005 and is situated in the Redland Bay Village Shopping Centre. The Beat provides a counter service from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded) and is staffed by uniformed police and an administrative officer. A vehicle has been allocated for use by the Beat officers in conducting patrols.

This initiative ensures that residents of Redland Bay and the lower Bay islands are not inconvenienced during the redevelopment of the station, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2005. Officers from Capalaba and Cleveland Police Stations will also continue to maintain an appropriate level of policing services in the Redland Bay area and the lower Bay islands throughout the period of redevelopment of the station.

The existing single storey police station will be expanded to incorporate a new station capable of 24-hour operation. The upgraded station will provide accommodation for General Duties, Criminal Investigation Branch, Juvenile Aid Bureau, Water Police and administration. Holding cells and a charge area will also be provided.

This important project demonstrates the Beattie Government's continuing commitment to providing modern police facilities and meeting the future policing needs of the growing communities in the southern Moreton Bay area.

Senior Sergeant Craig Huxley, Officer in Charge of Cleveland Station, is available on telephone 3824 9333 should you require further assistance or advice.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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