



The Hon Pat Purcell MP
Member for Bulimba

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Minister for Emergency Services

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 10 March 2006, informing me of the petition received by the House requesting urgent construction of a fire station at Nerang in the Gold Coast Shire.

To assist in optimising the allocation of fire services resources within the Gold Coast area, and to ensure the ultimate site chosen for any fire station is cognisant of the changing demographics of an area, the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) actively monitors emergency incident data, response times, population density, projected and actual growth.

The Commissioner considers the current resources are adequate given that the Southport, Helensvale and Robina Fire and Rescue Stations currently meet the QFRS standards of service delivery to the Nerang area with additional support provided by surrounding stations. Response time projections to the Nerang area have been completed using conservative road speeds, which indicate that Nerang is currently serviced to the state standard for response times (2 minutes mobilisation + 12 minute travel). However, in line with QFRS commitment to community safety needs, emergency service rescue resources are continually monitored and increased as necessary.

Should further information be required, please contact Mr Mark Roche, Acting Assistant Commissioner on telephone number (07) 3287 8510, who will be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

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