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Dear Mr and Mrs Dohne

I refer to your petition regarding the establishment of a new police station on existing Queensland Police Service owned land at Buderim, which was tabled in the Queensland Parliament on 3 September 2002 by Mr Chris Cummins MP, Member for Kawana.

Options are being developed to address several police accommodation issues in the Sunshine Coast area, including the location of a future police station to serve the communities of Buderim, Chancellor Park, Glenfields, Mountain Creek and Sippy Downs.

Although the Queensland Police Service owns land at Buderim, the best location for the proposed police station in this area is currently under review. Indications are that the most suitable site for the station will be in a central location within the above suburbs, with good access to major transportation corridors. Unfortunately, the Buderim site is unable to meet these criteria.

The Police Service is therefore investigating other locations for the new station. The Sippy Downs area may be an appropriate location for this facility. It is proposed to limit accommodation at the proposed new facility to officers who provide policing services to these communities. Therefore, it is not intended to include district and regional support functions within this facility.

However, it is recognised that it would be beneficial to have a local police presence at Buderim. Consideration is therefore being given to the establishment of a Police Shopfront in Buderim as a possible short-term option.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and your fellow petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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and Minister Assisting the Premier on the
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