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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 11 May 2016 regarding Petition Number 2529-16 requesting the allocation of additional officers to Coomera and the construction of a police station at Ormeau.

In order to address the issues raised in the petition, I sought advice from the Queensland Police Service (QPS). I acknowledge there is significant population and infrastructure growth in the Ormeau area, which is within the Coomera Police Division.

The specific allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner of Police following a detailed assessment of area growth, crime and safety issues, calls for service, new or emerging issues and facility requirements.

The QPS is constantly reviewing the options available to ensure the best possible service is provided to the communities of Queensland, including the Northern Gold Coast.

The QPS remains committed to providing quality client service to the Northern Gold Coast area and is constantly exploring methods to improve service delivery.

The expanding suburbs on the Northern Gold Coast are currently serviced by the Coomera Police Division, which provides a 24 hours a day, seven days a week policing service.

Any calls for service to the Northern Gold Coast area are dealt with in accordance with the QPS priority policing model. This means that, in a high priority situation, any available officers can be tasked to respond.

In addition to Coomera Divisional resources, district support functions including investigators and Rapid Action Patrols (RAP), and centrally-functioned units, such as the Road Policing Command, assist in divisional policing needs.

To assist the police in improving community safety in the Northern Gold Coast area, members of the public are encouraged to report any anti-social behaviour to Policelink on 131 444 or by contacting their local police station by telephone or in person. Alternatively, should members of the public feel threatened or are in danger, they should call triple zero (000) immediately.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Should you require further information, Ms Ellen McIntyre, Chief of Staff, is available on telephone (07) 3035 8300.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Bill Byrne MP

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