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

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 16 October 2015 concerning petition 2410-15 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly, outlining road safety concerns in the Pine Rivers Police District.

I appreciate petitioners taking the time to raise their concerns regarding road safety within the Pine Rivers region. Hooning is a serious concern for communities across Queensland.

I can advise that the Pine Rivers region is serviced by the Pine Rivers Police Patrol Group, situated within the North Brisbane District, Brisbane Region. The patrol group is resourced via three 24 hour police stations situated at Petrie, Albany Creek and Mango Hill/North Lakes; a two officer police station located at Dayboro; a two officer police beat at Bray Park and single officer police beats located at Kallangur and the Strathpine Shopping Centre.

Road safety management and traffic enforcement activities are supplemented by a dedicated Road Policing Unit, situated within the Mango Hill/North Lakes Police Station. The Pine Rivers Patrol Group has a total of 133 police officers attached to these stations performing frontline general duties and traffic enforcement roles.

I can assure petitioners that the detection of traffic offences and road safety is a recognised strategic and operational priority across the Pine Rivers Patrol Group. This is reflected through all stations and units to direct daily proactive patrol and enforcement activities and taking action against inappropriate or unlawful road use behaviours. Aberrant driver behaviour and associated road safety outcomes are further addressed through routine and targeted traffic policing operations, including random breath testing, roadside drug testing, static and mobile speed enforcement by marked and unmarked vehicles and deployment of overt and covert speed camera vehicles.

Proactive and reactive traffic enforcement strategies are intelligence driven, and draw on community complaints, traffic crash and enforcement histories. I am advised that current policing resources allocated to the Pine Rivers Patrol Group are considered appropriate in addressing road safety requirements and capable of addressing community concerns and expectations. The Queensland Government and Queensland Police Service will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that resourcing is appropriate to the tasks at hand.

To assist the police in improving road safety and detecting traffic offenders in the Pine Rivers region, members of the public are encouraged to report local road safety issues by contacting the Hoon hotline on 13HOON, Policelink on 131444 or by contacting their local police station by telephone or in person.

Again, thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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The Hon. Jo-Ann Miller MP

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