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Mr Neil Laurie Clerk of Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 23 October 2019 relating to petition 3226-19 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly about policing of Victoria Point.

The Palaszczuk Government takes the concerns of the community seriously and we are committed to supporting police in their efforts to keep our community safe.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that Victoria Point falls within the Cleveland Police Division and is policed primarily by Cleveland Police Station with support from Redland Bay Station. I am further advised that policing in Victoria Point is also supported by other QPS resources including Road Policing Unit, Tactical Crime Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection Investigation Unit, State Intelligence Unit (Cleveland), South Brisbane District Crime Prevention Unit, Scenes of Crime and Volunteers in Policing.

I can advise that Ms Kim Richards MP, Member for Redlands, is working closely with police and the community on local strategies to enhance community safety in the Victoria Point area and that a meeting was held on 4 November with Ms Maria Sealy, Councilor Lance Hewlett and local police at the Redlands Electorate Office.

I understand that at this meeting, Inspector Kilpatrick outlined policing practices and evidencebased strategies employed in policing the Bayside Patrol Group and the Victoria Point area. These strategies include reactive and proactive measures designed to enhance community safety.

Policing has changed for the better in Queensland. It is borderless and mobile, which means that police can be quickly deployed to where they are needed, when they are needed. Police are also able to respond more quickly because of the technology that they now use.

The Palaszczuk Government will continue to work with police, government agencies, local businesses and the broader community to keep Queenslanders safe.

I have been assured that Queensland Police Service will continue to monitor policing needs to enhance community safety in Victoria Point.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP Acting Minister for Police and

Minister for Corrective Services