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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your correspondence of 24 June 2025 regarding Petitions 4215-25 and 4264-25 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 24 June 2025.

I appreciate the petitioners' concerns and asked the Queensland Police Service (QPS) for advice in relation to this matter so that I can be better informed about the issue raised.

I would like to clarify that under the current government no existing beats have been closed and contrary to some perceptions two new permanent police beats at Burleigh Heads and Nambour have been approved in the State Budget released this week. This marks a positive step forward in resourcing and operational coverage and reflects ongoing effects by this government to strengthen frontline capability.

While we acknowledge that police beats have closed over the last several years, these areas remain well serviced by local police stations, specialist support functions and local high visibility patrols.

The QPS also has 25 Mobile Police Beats that provide the opportunity for engagement between police and local residents. This strengthens relationships as deployments are based on operational demand and are responsive to local needs.

Consultation with local communities and stakeholders is a key part of the decision-making process and we will continue to engage transparently on matters affecting police beats operations.

We appreciate the petitioners advocacy and will ensure these priorities remain central to our policing strategy.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should your office require further information, Ms Bianca Stone, Chief of Staff, is available on (07) 3719 7150.

Yours sincerely

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