

Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services

Ref No: 2020/19759 JF Your Ref: A600541

1 William Street Brisbane PO Box 15195 City East Queensland 4002 Australia Telephone +61 7 3035 8300 Email police@ministerial.qld.gov.au ABN 65 959 415 158

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000
ClerksOffice@parliament.gld.gov.au

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 10 September 2020 enclosing petition 3385-20 about policing in Broadwater, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

I can advise that at least 150 extra police officers will be deployed to the South Eastern Police Region which includes the Gold Coast over five years commencing 1 July 2020 as part of this government's fully-funded commitment to deliver an extra 2,025 police personnel for Queensland.

Further, I can advise that two mobile police beats will also be deployed to the Gold Coast. These mobile police beats will take police into the heart of the community so that people see more police, more often. From these mobile police vans officers will be able to take crime reports, victims' statements, conduct field interviews and above all boost safety with a more visible police presence. This means, these mobile beats will be able to be deployed to the northern Gold Coast and wherever police deem necessary.

I can also advise that this government will increase the number of QLiTE iPads, body worn video cameras and police vehicles, and for the first time, roll out new generation integrated load bearing ballistic vests for frontline police across Queensland.

Again, all of these new policing initiatives are funded by the Queensland Government to keep communities safe across the state, including the northern Gold Coast.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP

Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services