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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your correspondence of 21 August 2024 regarding Petition 4155-24 and 4072-24 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 20 August 2024.

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

It is important to firstly note that the allocation of police resources is a matter for the Commissioner of Police based on operational policing demand and direct service delivery requirements to ensure a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the State and that is as it should be. This aligns with the outcome of the Fitzgerald Inquiry. I am advised these requirements can change as new policing issues emerge. That being said, I am advised Acting Senior Sergeant Chris Hale, Officer in Charge of Cleveland Police Station, contacted the Principal Petitioner on 26 August 2024 and discussed this matter in great detail.

I can also advise that QPS Commissioner Steve Gollschewski and I met with the Principal Petitioner on 28 August 2024. The Commissioner and I commend the Principal Petitioner on her advocacy on behalf of the community. As a positive step moving forward, the QPS Commissioner committed to further considering the deployment of police resources to the Victoria Point area.

Further, I note the representations of the local State Member of Parliament, Kim Richards, on behalf of the community and acknowledge her advocacy has been forthright.

By way of background, QPS advises that policing of Victoria Point is currently serviced by officers from the Cleveland Police Division and the wider Bayside Patrol Group as part of a priority policing model. Support is also provided from the Bayside District Tactical Crime Squad, Highway Patrol units, Bayside Criminal Investigation Branch and Child Protection Investigation Unit. The use of these police resources ensure calls for service can be attended to in a timely manner.

In April 2024, the approved strength of Cleveland Police Station was increased from 64 full-time employee positions to 66. Redland Bay Police Station has an approved strength of 24 full-time employee positions. Police resources are innovative, adaptive and deliver an effective response to calls for service, to make the residents of Victoria Point safer and feel safer.

In addition, the approved strength of Russell Island Police Station and Macleay Island Police Station have both increased. Moreover, on 28 August 2024 the QPS Commissioner announced that Lamb Island would form part of the Police Outreach Model Pilot with two additional officers being based in the Bayside Patrol Group.

QPS further advises that a Mobile Police Beat is permanently attached to the Bayside Patrol Group, and this resource has been deployed on multiple occasions to the Victoria Point Shopping Centre, Thompson Beach (Victoria Point) and Redland Bay. The QPS also commenced an initiative 'Bring the Beat', where members of the community can request deployment of the Mobile Police Beat in any given suburb or location, to disrupt and prevent crime.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ryan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
Minister for Police and Community Safety