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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 15 February 2018 about petitions received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 2869-18 and 2826-17.

I asked the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to contact Mr Reynolds about this matter.

The safety and security of all Queenslanders is a top priority for the Palaszczuk Government and the QPS. The Palaszczuk Government has committed to an additional 535 police personnel by 2021–22, including 115 counter terrorism specialists for the implementation of the new Security and Counter Terrorism Command.

The additional police personnel provided by our Government will be progressively allocated over the next four financial years, according to priorities identified by the Commissioner of Police.

The allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, safety issues, calls for service, new or emerging issues and facility requirements.

I understand that Inspector Simon Chase, Northern Patrol Group, Gold Coast Police District, contacted Mr Reynolds on 5 March and advised that the Coomera Police Station provides a 24-7 patrol service across the northern Gold Coast, including the suburbs of Coomera and Ormeau. Officers from the division undertake proactive patrols and respond to calls for services.

In order to meet community needs and to more efficiently address crime and road safety issues in the northern parts of the Gold Coast District, two Rapid Action & Patrol Group teams were relocated to work from the Coomera Police complex in 2016 and they continue to work from that location.

To ensure the safety of property on the northern Gold Coast, a team of investigators and uniformed officers operates from the Coomera Police complex. Taskforce Latro is supported by dedicated intelligence officers in order to proactively ensure the safety of the community by targeting high-risk offenders and locations.

A team of officers from Surfers Paradise Station has also been relocated to Coomera Division on a rotational basis.

In addition, personnel from other district, regional and centralised support functions, including the Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Road Policing Command and Dog Squad provide assistance in response to local issues.

Further, the Norfolk and Jacobs Well Neighbourhood Police Beats and the adjoining Beenleigh Police Division also provide policing services to the Ormeau area. Calls for service relating to the Ormeau area, or other locations, are dealt with in accordance with the QPS priority policing model which means that, in a high priority situation, an available officer can be tasked to respond.

I have been assured that the QPS is constantly reviewing the options available to meet the policing needs of Coomera and Ormeau.

I understand that Mr Reynolds informed the Inspector that he was supportive of the work of local police and appreciated the opportunity to discuss his concerns with a senior officer.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should your office require further information, Ms Ellen McIntyre, Chief of Staff, is available on telephone (07) 3035 8300.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Ryan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP  
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