



**Hon Neil Roberts MP**  
Member for Nudgee



**Minister for Police, Corrective Services  
and Emergency Services**

Ref: 7269 P3 TMc LB

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1693-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 26 May 2011 by Mr Rob Messenger MP, Member for Burnett.

The petition seeks to draw the attention of the House of the concerns raised by community members regarding criminal activity and antisocial behaviour and seeks a permanent police presence in the Moore Park Beach area.

The Bligh Government and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) share the residents' concerns about crime and antisocial behaviour in our communities and are strongly committed to addressing this problem in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all persons and property in Queensland.

I referred this matter to the QPS which advises that Moore Park Beach is part of the Bundaberg Police Division. A police presence is provided on a continual basis by local officers who are also supported by Bundaberg District support units including the Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Dog Squad, Traffic Branch, and the District Operations Team.

The Bundaberg Police District had an approved staffing strength of 149 police officers as at 1 May 2011. The QPS advises this strength provides adequate coverage for the communities comprising the district, including Moore Park Beach.

The QPS advises that the number of police officers allocated to each police division is in accordance with the QPS Staffing Allocation Model which is used for determining police staffing number allocations across Queensland. While there are no immediate plans for the establishment of a permanent policing facility within Moore Park Beach, the petitioners may be assured the staffing allocation will continue to be regularly reviewed as part of the QPS's annual planning and budgetary processes.

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Local police apply considerable effort to addressing crime and antisocial behaviour in Moore Park Beach. I am advised a review of policing activities has been conducted and there are a number of strategies in place to provide community policing for the people of Moore Park Beach and includes proactive as well as first-response policing.

Further, the Officer in Charge, Bundaberg Police Division, Senior Sergeant Erwin Hoffmann, or his representative, regularly attend the Moore Park Beach Community Association meetings to ensure a better policing interaction with the Moore Park Beach community.

The QPS wishes to assure Moore Beach Park residents it is committed to investigating all reports of criminal activity and ensuring appropriate action, including prosecution if applicable, is taken where sufficient evidence exists.

Acting Superintendent Kevin Guteridge, District Officer, Bundaberg District, is available on telephone (07) 4153 1444 for any further assistance required.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Fraser', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Fraser MP  
**Acting Minister for Police, Corrective Services  
and Emergency Services**