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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 19 September 2019 relating to petitions 3195-19 and 3167-19 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly about the police presence at Stocklands Shopping Centre, North Rockhampton.

The Palaszczuk Government takes the concerns of the community seriously and we are committed to supporting police in their efforts to keep our community safe.

I can advise that the Member for Rockhampton, Mr Barry O'Rourke MP and the Member for Keppel, Ms Brittany Lauga MP are working closely with police and community on local strategies to enhance safety in Rockhampton, including local shopping centres, such as Stocklands.

Modern day policing is about agility in service delivery. With the advent of technology, the focus is on police officers being out and about in the community and ready to respond at all times.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that Rockhampton officers proactively perform intelligence-driven and high visibility patrols throughout the district and maintain a zero-tolerance to anti-social behaviour wherever it occurs in the district, including shopping centres.

I am further advised by QPS that police from Rockhampton and North Rockhampton police stations are rostered to conduct tasked patrols of Stockland Shopping Centre, including Thursday nights.

Stockland Shopping Centre management also engages the services of police for four-hour time periods at different times of the week to assist with targeted patrols, property security and personal safety.

These officers conduct high visibility proactive foot patrols of the centre, liaise with centre management and security, local businesses and members of the community.

I am advised local police also work collaboratively and closely with centre management and individual businesses with the Officer-in-Charge of North Rockhampton Police Station holding regular meetings with Stockland Management to facilitate information exchange and to forward plan policing and security activities.

Further, I understand Mr O'Rourke recently hosted a working group with more than 40 representatives from community groups, police and government agencies working on pro-active strategies to support at-risk young people in the region to help turn their lives around.

This government will continue to work with police, government agencies, local businesses and the broader community to keep Queenslanders safe.

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
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