



Honourable Neil Roberts MP
Member for Nudgee



Ref: 6940 P9 LB

Minister for Police, Corrective Services
and Emergency Services

06 SEP 2010

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 1505-10 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Peter Dowling MP, Member for Redlands, on 5 August 2010.

The petition seeks to draw the attention of the House to the request to provide an increased police presence on Coochiemudlo Island on Friday nights, weekends and holiday periods.

I referred this matter to the Queensland Police Service which advises Sergeant Nickolas Parkyn, Redland Bay Police Station, recently spoke to the principal petitioner, Mr Bruce Green, a resident of Coochiemudlo Island, regarding his concerns.

I am informed there has been ongoing communication between Sergeant Parkyn and Mr Green with respect to strategies currently being undertaken by the Police Service to appropriately respond to issues on Coochiemudlo Island including traffic offences and criminal and antisocial behaviour. These strategies include proactive and intelligence-driven patrols conducted by officers attached to the Redland Bay Police Station, as well as the traffic branch, criminal investigation branch and tactical crime squad.

Crime issues and trends are constantly monitored by senior executives of the Police Service. Reported crime, identified crime trends, population growth and other environmental and economic factors have a direct impact on future planning of policing strategies which results in specific people, locations and crime classes being targeted. Additionally, the proactive and reactive strategies used by police to address identified crime trends are constantly evaluated to ensure the strategies meet the needs of all communities.

In relation to the petitioners' specific request for an increased police presence on Coochiemudlo Island on Friday nights, weekends and holidays, I am advised the Officer in Charge, Redland Bay Police Station and the District Officer, Wynnum Police District, regularly assess the needs of Coochiemudlo and other islands to develop policing strategies accordingly. As a direct result of information received and intelligence holdings, police patrols with a particular focus on antisocial behaviour have been increased on Coochiemudlo Island. Crime trends will continue to be assessed and police patrols increased in line with trends and information received regarding criminal activity and antisocial behaviour.

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The Redland Bay Police Station operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A District Duty Officer is rostered on duty 24 hours a day to assess job prioritisation, rostering practices and intelligence-driven patrols in the Wynnum Police District to ensure an adequate policing response to all calls for service.

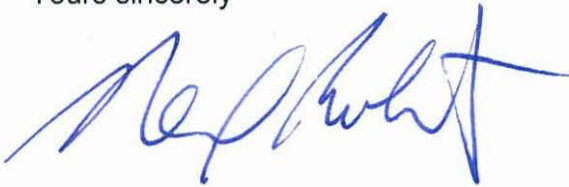
The Police Service appreciates that to be truly effective it must have the support and cooperation of the community. Police rely on community assistance to identify and address local crime trends and encourage members of the public to provide local officers with details of suspected criminal activity. The petitioners are encouraged to continue to report matters of criminal activity or antisocial behaviour to police for appropriate attention.

Community safety is a priority of the Bligh Government. This Government and the Police Service are strongly committed to addressing crime issues in order to provide a safe and secure environment for all persons and property in Queensland. The police are also committed to providing a timely response to calls for service and ensuring that appropriate action is taken, including prosecution where sufficient evidence exists.

Senior Sergeant Stephen Graham, Officer in Charge, Redland Bay Police Station, is available on telephone 3829 4111 to respond to any further concerns the petitioners may have.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Roberts', with a stylized, flowing script.

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