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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 4119-24 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 20 August 2024.

I appreciate the petitioners' concerns and sought advice from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) so that I can be better informed about the issue raised.

The QPS is currently undertaking the largest recruitment drive in its history to deliver 1,450 new police officers, in addition to the further 500 new police officers announced on 30 April 2024.

The Queensland Government announced in April 2023 an additional \$87.5 million to fund a range of recruitment incentives and initiatives. As a result, the number of recruit applications has reached historic highs in 2024 and the QPS advise that as at 13 September 2024 there were 774 recruits at QPS academies and over 2,346 applicants in the recruit applicant pipeline.

It is important to 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.

Policing of the Eagleby area is serviced by officers of the Beenleigh Police Division and the Logan Police District as part of the Patrol Group rostering and priority policing model. The Eagleby area is also supported by officers from the Logan District Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Tactical Crime Squad, and Highway Patrol units.

It is also important to note that the officers based at the Eagleby Community Police Beat (Eagleby Beat) are attached to the Beenleigh Police Division. This provides the QPS with the ability to surge police resources as appropriate.

In April 2024, the QPS determined that of the 79 police officers allocated to the Beenleigh Police Division, six police officers were to be based at the Eagleby Beat. This allocation is a decision of the QPS based on its assessment of how to deliver optimal policing services.

The allocation decision by the QPS allows the Eagleby Beat to return to a traditional Community Beat Policing Model with improved opportunities for prevention and disruption activities and engagement with Eagleby residents, whilst maintaining the proactive policing response capability for the Beenleigh Police Division.

The QPS confirms that there has been no overall reduction in policing resources for the Beenleigh Police Division which includes the Eagleby area, and the QPS will continue to monitor the resource allocation to ensure a high standard of policing response is maintained.

A modern police service needs to be innovative and adaptive to change to deliver effective and responsive policing services, prevent harm, and ensure a safer and more resilient Queensland.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
Minister for Police and Community Safety