



Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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Dear  Mr Laurie

I refer to your correspondence of 17 September 2025 regarding Petitions 4277-25 and 4299-25 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 16 September 2025.

I appreciate the petitioners' concerns and asked the Queensland Police Service (QPS) for advice in relation to this matter so that I can be better informed about the issue raised.

I am advised the Wide Bay Burnett Police District works collectively to deliver consistent 24-hour policing services to communities. This includes proactive and reactive activities as well as specialist support and specialist response capabilities. Rostering practices are intelligence based, and prioritise first response policing, cross divisional mobilisation of resources, and the redeployment of resources where necessary. These resources contribute to this holistic response framework and ensure that urgent and life-threatening calls for service are prioritised.

This agile and borderless policing approach enriched with technology, means that officers are no longer restricted to a static location, instead spending the majority of their shift in the community, responding to calls for service and patrolling.

Furthermore, the allocation of resources is an operational decision made by the Commissioner of Police, free from political interference. Determination of appropriate staffing is made on the basis of operational policing and direct service delivery requirements to ensure a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the State.

Whilst there are two full time officers permanently stationed at South Kolan, the division is further supplemented, as required, by officers from the nearby Bundaberg Police Station, Gin Gin Police Station, and officers from district support units, including Highway Patrol, Tactical Crime Squad, Dog Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection Investigation Unit and other support areas across the North Coast Region.

The QPS is constantly reviewing its divisional staffing model to ensure the best possible service is provided to the people of Queensland, including those residing in the South Kolan Police Division.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should your office require further information, Ms Bianca Stone, Chief of Staff, is available on (07) 3719 7150.

Yours sincerely



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