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Dear Councillor Majdlik

POLICE RESOURCES - CAROLINE SPRINGS

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 August 2016.

We all want our communities to feel safe. I will continue to work with Victoria Police and local communities, like Caroline Springs and Melton, to make sure that happens.

I acknowledge Council's interest for a 24-hour police 'main hub' at Caroline Springs. I am assured that the local community continues to receive a 24-hour policing response from across the Melton Police Service Area from the Melton and Caroline Springs Police Stations.

As you are aware, the local police response includes the Crime Investigation Unit and the Highway Patrol. The Caroline Springs Police Complex is already the headquarters for North West Region, Division 3. Divisional police resources stationed at the Caroline Springs Police Station service the entire division, and include the divisional intelligence unit, proactive police officers (including youth resource officers and community liaison officers), the Family Violence Team and a corrections unit that services the local prisons.

Victoria Police has also established a range of taskforces to tackle serious crime and significant resources are being used to respond to and deal with the causes behind recent offending. Operation Prevalent is also being rolled out in Melbourne's north-west, from 29 August 2016, targeting vehicle crime and other traffic offences. Operation Prevalent is using booze bus sites and automated number plate recognition technology to locate drivers carrying stolen number plates, driving stolen vehicles, driving unregistered or suspended, and drink-driving.

We are looking to do more to prevent and respond to crime. I believe we need to see more police out on the front line. The Chief Commissioner is working with me and the Government on what resources and powers they need to ensure that we see the crime rate start to turn around.

That's why in the most recent State Budget, we announced the Public Safety Package with an additional 406 police officers and 52 support personnel. 300 of these new police will be general duties frontline police deployed across Victoria. In addition, the recruitment and deployment of 400 Police Custody Officers will free up more sworn police officers to work in their communities.

Thank you for writing to me on Council's behalf.

Yours sincerely

Hon Lisa Neville MP
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