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Dear Cr Carli

REQUEST FOR A POLICE HUB IN THE ROCKBANK OR AINTREE AREA

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 July 2020 regarding the City of Melton Council's request for a new police hub in the Rockbank or Aintree area. I apologise for the delay in my response.

While all Victorians receive a 24-hour police response, 7 days a week, whenever they live, the specific allocation of police and opening hours is a matter for the Chief Commissioner. The operational need for new and upgraded police stations is also determined by Victoria Police. Where the need for additional police infrastructure funding is identified, the status of projects is determined by the Victorian Government through the Budget process.

Victoria Police uses a Staff Allocation Model (SAM) to determine the location and deployment of police officers, and it is one that I fully support. The SAM has been developed by Victoria Police, in consultation with the Police Association of Victoria, and endorsed by the government. The SAM ensures deployment of police resources is determined by evidence, policing experts and operational needs. It also safeguards the operational independence of Victoria Police.

I understand that Mr Luke Cornelius, Assistant Commissioner, North West Metropolitan Region, wrote to you on 6 August 2020 to advise that it is not the preference of Victoria Police to add a police hub or centre in the Rockbank or Aintree area at this time. Victoria Police continually reviews their operational staffing model to ensure that it meets the needs of the community, a process which will include consultation with the City of Melton Council.

As you would expect, the government works closely with the Chief Commissioner of Police to ensure Victoria Police is appropriately resourced to tackle law and order issues facing the Victorian community. The government has invested a record \$3 billion in police to deliver 3,135 new sworn officers as well as state-of-the-art intelligence systems, new technology, new and upgraded police stations, and stronger laws.



If you would like more information on the government's investment in police, please visit www.communitysafety.vic.gov.au

I hope this information is of assistance and thank you for raising this issue.

Yours sincerely



Hon Lisa Neville MP
Minister for Police and Emergency Services
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