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Dear Mayor

POLICE RESOURCING IN MELTON

Thank you for your correspondence 8 July 2021 regarding police resourcing and community safety in the City of Melton.

I acknowledge the concerns of the Melton community regarding community safety and police resourcing, and I understand the community's need for reassurance through a police presence in an area of significant growth. That's why the Victorian Government is giving Victoria Police the resources it needs to keep our growing community safe. As you note, the Government's record \$3.8 billion police investment is delivering 3,135 new sworn police officers, as well as state-of-the-art intelligence systems, new technology, new and upgraded police stations, and stronger laws.

From May 2021 to April 2022, 229 police officers will be deployed to stations across Victoria, while a further 167 will be dedicated to specialist roles such as family violence, road policing and state emergency support. This latest deployment completes the delivery of 3,135 new police officers since the recruitment boost began in 2016 and will allow police to focus on supporting growing communities and ensuring they have the support they need to efficiently respond to crime in their local area. As you may be aware, as a part of this commitment to police, the Brimbank Division – which services the City of Melton – has received an additional 129 police resources since 2016.

Please be advised that the location and deployment of police officers is a matter for the Chief Commissioner of Police, using the Staffing Allocation Model (SAM). The SAM was developed by Victoria Police, in consultation with the Police Association of Victoria, and endorsed by the government.

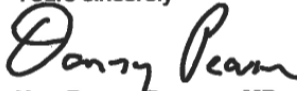
The SAM ensures deployment of police resources is determined by evidence, policing experts, and operational needs. It also safeguards the operational independence of Victoria Police. The provision of police resources in Victoria is based on a number of factors and managed centrally by Victoria Police.



Resources can be moved within a division if a greater need is identified. Using the model, areas of population growth and high demand, such as growth corridors, are prioritised for allocation of police resources. The system also predicts future resource requirements, to better facilitate planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Yours sincerely



Hon Danny Pearson MP
Acting Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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