



Speech by

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BLACK RIVER AMBULANCE STATION

Dr WATSON (Moggill—LP) (Leader of the Liberal Party) (11.09 p.m.): For some time now there has been concern about the number of occasions on which only one officer was on duty at the Black River Ambulance Station at Thuringowa. In September, together with Thuringowa City Councillor Kathy Girvan, the committee met with the QAS commissioner, the QAS regional director and the honourable member for Townsville. At that meeting it was agreed that the QAS would endeavour to man the Black River Ambulance Station with two officers. However, a check in the weeks following the meeting revealed that on only 14 out of 36 occasions were two officers present at the station.

As a result of this, the Black River Local Ambulance Committee presented me with a petition. It reads—

"At the present time, the Black River Ambulance Centre is unattended 60% of the time because there are not enough staff. We need your help to make the Black River Ambulance Centre a 24 hour/two officer response station."

The petition is signed by 2,850 concerned citizens. I hereby table the petition.
