




Speech by

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CABOOLTURE POLICE DISTRICT, POLICE RESOURCES

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (11.52 am): The Queensland Labor government has a proud record of investing in police resources and supporting safe communities. This government has invested significantly in the human and operational resources of the Queensland Police Service, and I have been working hard to ensure that the Caboolture community gets its fair share. That is why last week I was pleased to welcome the Minister for Police, the Hon. Neil Roberts, to the Morayfield state electorate. The minister and I met with officers of the Burpengary Police Station and we discussed important community safety issues for the Caboolture region.

I was pleased to hear the police minister announce the creation of nine additional police positions for the Caboolture police district in the 2010-11 budget year. Those nine new police positions for this budget year include three officers for the Burpengary Police Station, three officers for the Caboolture Police Station and three officers for the traffic branch. The additional positions for the Caboolture police district are part of the Queensland government's broader commitment to fund an additional 600 police positions state-wide during this term of government. That is certainly a welcome commitment and I am pleased that this government is delivering for our communities.

By investing in police resources for our community, we are investing in safer communities and safe communities are strong and supportive communities. The additional police positions mean the total number of police positions in the Caboolture police district is now more than 210. Therefore, since 2008, the total number of police in the Caboolture police district has increased by 50 per cent. That is a tremendous increase and is great news for our community. However, I know that more needs to be done and I will continue to fight for more resources and more police positions for our area. I am proud that this state Labor government is committed to putting more police officers on the street and to giving those officers the resources they need.

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