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POLICE RESOURCES

 **Mr GRIMWADE** (Morayfield—LNP) (11.37 pm): I rise tonight to update the House on some wonderful news for the Morayfield electorate. I have recently been advised that my strong advocacy for the local police force has proven to be successful, with an additional three police officers being deployed to the Caboolture district. This is wonderful news for our local area. Those who know me and who followed my recent election campaign will know that the boys in blue—and girls for that matter—around my area and in Queensland have my strong support. These are men and women who go to work day in and day out putting their lives on the line to ensure our communities are kept safe, and for that they will always have my support and full respect.

During the recent election campaign, my party made the announcement that we would increase police numbers by 1,100 and announced a number of other initiatives such as two brand-new police helicopters. These announcements were met with the endorsement of the Police Union president. During my election campaign, I released a six-point local plan. One of the points in this plan was to fight for new police resources and additional police numbers to combat and fight front-line policing needs to deal with local crime. Again, I am delivering on this election commitment. I see this announcement as the first stage of my election promise implementation. I will continue to fight for our region to ensure that overall police numbers increase and that our local police officers have appropriate resources to undertake their job and ensure their own safety.

Recently I attended a local Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Narangba and listened with interest to the local police officer as he provided his report with regard to the crime rate in the local area and updated the meeting on recent police matters around the area. I was very interested to hear this police officer advise that, with the arrival of the additional officers, there are now more resources in the area and for the first time there are now two patrol cars on the road conducting patrols in the local area, allowing this particular officer to attend the meeting briefly to give an update. This would not have been previously possible. This is an example of the impact that this announcement of 1,100 new additional police officers in Queensland has already had. This is fantastic news for our local area.

I want to finish tonight by again reiterating my commitment to always fight hard to ensure that our community is well resourced in relation to police officers and community safety initiatives. I also want to reaffirm my commitment to the local police force—that as it undertakes its duties in our community it will always have my full support.