



Speech By Hon. Mark Ryan

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Hon. MT RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.51 am): I acknowledge members of the Queensland Police Service in the gallery today and thank them for their service to the people of Queensland. Right across Queensland our police are doing a great job keeping our community safe. At the last election we made significant commitments to boost police numbers over our next term in government to ensure that the police had the resources that they need to do the best job they can to keep our community safe. Over the next term of government we will see more QLiTEs, more body worn cameras and more police; making sure that the police have those resources they need to do the job that they do.

There is one government in Australia that is making cuts to its police service and that is the federal government. It was very disappointing to see that Malcolm Turnbull and the LNP government in Canberra has cut the Federal Police budget by \$184 million over the next four years, which equates to more than 150 Australian Federal Police officers. The challenge for those opposite is to stand up to their mates in the LNP in Canberra and stand up for community safety here in Queensland and right across Australia. We know they will not because they never stick up for Queensland, they never stick up for community safety and they will not stand up to their mates in Canberra. Our government stands by our police and community safety here in Queensland, we always will, and we will continue to fight for them.