



Speech By  
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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Highfields Police Station**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.03 am): Earlier this week I had the pleasure to once again visit Toowoomba. It was so good to be back there so soon after the government's period of governing from Toowoomba last month. It was also so good to be able to formally announce the location for a new police station in Highfields. As you know, Mr Speaker, the Palaszczuk government made an election commitment to the people of Toowoomba last year. We promised that if we were re-elected we would build a new police station at Highfields, and we are delivering on that promise.

Highfields is a growing community and the new station will be built with future growth in mind. It will be able to accommodate additional policing resources as and when they are needed in the years ahead. The new station, to be constructed on land in Dau Road, is a \$2.77 million investment in the future security of the broader Toowoomba community. I can assure residents in Toowoomba that various locations were carefully considered before the Dau Road site was chosen as the best location to meet the needs of the Highfields community and the Queensland Police Service. In good news, construction is expected to start on the new police station in the next financial year.

I have even more good news for the people of Toowoomba and Toowoomba police. As part of our government's commitment to provide more resources to our police, a further 24 QLiTE iPad devices were delivered to front-line police in Toowoomba this month on top of the 70 devices already allocated, but the good news does not stop there. The good news for Toowoomba police continues.

Mr Speaker, you may remember that when the Newman government was in power the Newtown police beat in Toowoomba was closed. At the last election our government promised to open a new police beat in Newtown, and I am very pleased to announce that we have decided to go one better. The Palaszczuk government will now instead establish a larger police facility at Newtown—a facility bigger and better than a traditional police beat. Negotiations are already underway for the acquisition of a suitable site, and I look forward to making further announcements in respect of this matter in the near future. The takeaway from all of this is that, where the LNP takes away from people, we give back to people. Where the LNP takes away, we give back more.