



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Ryan**


**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (10.10 am): The Palaszczuk government is building Queensland's future. It is Queensland's plan to unite and recover. We know that many people are doing it tough right now. That is why our focus is on jobs for Queenslanders. Right across our state, the Queensland Police Service is building vital infrastructure and creating the jobs our state needs. This year's record \$2.6 billion police budget is supporting significant infrastructure investments. This massive investment is perhaps an explanation for why Toowoomba locals have street parties. Recently I joined—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr Dick** interjected.

**Mr RYAN:** Had to pay it back, didn't he?

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members, the sniping will stop. Comments will come through the chair. I will be heavy on the trigger finger today in terms of getting members warned and out of this place if you cannot conduct yourselves appropriately.

**Mr RYAN:** Recently I joined Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon in touring two new police facilities that have just opened in Toowoomba. Under the Newman government, the Newtown police beat was shut down. Under the Palaszczuk government, there is now an increased police presence at the new Newtown police facility and a much larger facility to service that community. When asked by a cameraman, Assistant Commissioner Condon said, 'This is as happy as it gets.' For anyone who knows Assistant Commissioner Condon, that is a big call.

We also toured the new police facility at Highfields. When I visited there, officers showed me the welcome cards that locals had dropped off saying thank you to the Police Service and the government for putting a new police facility in their neighbourhood. I have never seen that before. It speaks volumes about the great relationship that the Queensland Police Service has with local communities.

Also rapidly nearing completion is the state-of-the-art counterterrorism and community training centre at Wacol which I inspected a week or so ago. This facility will be world-class and is already attracting interest from interstate and overseas law enforcement agencies. Construction of the new police facility at Coolool is also well advanced, supporting jobs in that local community. Work is progressing on the new Nambour police facility, and the same goes for police facilities at Beaudesert, Aurukun, Biloela and West End. The new McLeod Street police facility in Cairns has just been completed and a massive refurbishment of the main Cairns police station is underway.

When it comes to delivering jobs it is the Palaszczuk Labor government that delivers, and it is all part of our plan to unite and recover.