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MAYORAL MINUTE

MM - Number of Police - Hawkesbury Local Area Command - (90479)

REPORT:

The Hawkesbury Local Area Command (HLAC) of the NSW Police Department covers a large geographical area with a diverse population consisting of densely populated urban areas such as Bligh Park and McGraths Hill to sparsely populated rural areas such as Wisemans Ferry and Mellong.

The HLAC provides a tremendous service in protecting the community and their property by preventing, detecting and investigating crime; monitoring and promoting road safety; maintaining social order; and performing and coordinating emergency and rescue operations.

The service provided by the HLAC can be difficult due to the large geographical area it covers and the diversity of the population. The difficulties create their own issues that other Local Area Commands do not have. These difficulties for the HLAC have been highlighted in recent times with some incidents in the Hawkesbury Local Government Area. It also should be noted that community safety has been repeatedly identified as a significant issue of community concern in successive Community Surveys.

Whilst it is acknowledged and appreciated that the HLAC currently provide a tremendous service to our community, it is considered that due to the issues outlined above, there is a need for additional Police to be allocated to the HLAC.

Accordingly, the following recommendation is submitted for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council make representations to its Local State Members of Parliament seeking their assistance in increasing the number of police allocated to the Hawkesbury Local Area Command due to the large geographical area and the diversity of the population within the Command.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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