

Council Petition

Petition No: 582

The petition of certain citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the attention of the Legislative Council the community concerns regarding the increase in crime and the lack of police presence in Lang Lang.

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Council call on the Government to provide funding for CCTV cameras as a deterrent to increased crime in Lang Lang, and boost police presence in the town through increased patrols and extended opening hours of the town's police station.

Reply:

All Victorians have a right to feel safe within their home and community and the Allan Labor Government is committed to giving Victoria Police the resources it needs to keep our growing community safe. The government's record \$4.5 billion investment in Victoria Police has delivered 3,637 new sworn police officers, as well as state-of-the-art intelligence systems, new technology and new and upgraded police stations. The government will continue to implement measures, including stronger laws, to ensure our police are equipped with the resources and powers they need to keep our community safe.

I note the request for increased patrols and extended police station counter hours. These decisions are operational matters for Victoria Police. The residents of Lang Lang continue to receive a 24-hour police response. Victoria Police balances counter service hours to the public in a flexible manner to ensure the best possible use of available resources. The Chief Commissioner of Police recognises that proactive operations, putting resources where they are needed and responding to calls for assistance will best address crime and other community concerns.

In relation to additional CCTV cameras, the planning and installation of CCTV is a local council responsibility, and I would encourage you to reach out to Cardinia Shire Council regarding future plans for installation.



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