



# INDUSTRIAL BULLETIN

**18 FEBRUARY 2013**

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## NSW POLICE FORCE – LAC AMALGAMATIONS PROPOSAL

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On Friday, 15 February, Senior Industrial Officer Stewart Little and I met with the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon. Michael Gallacher MLC, to discuss the proposed Local Area Command amalgamations. In the week before this meeting, I asked PSA staff to consult with the affected Commands. Numerous issues were raised as part of the consultation and we put those matters to the Minister during the meeting on 15 February.

These matters included, but are not restricted to:

- the need for clear consultation arrangements prior to any changes
- the hope that these amalgamations might provide an opportunity for temporary administrative positions to become permanent
- the importance of location for our members particularly as it relates to carers' responsibilities
- how the amalgamation would impact on Intel Officers. We were advised that at this point, it was not clear but that there would be discussion.

We were advised by the Minister that the intention of the amalgamation is not to reduce staff numbers and that all the matters we have raised would be considered.

No firm information is currently available with regards to timelines for the amalgamation or final agreements about which Commands will be amalgamated. However, the PSA will be having regular meetings with Kathryn Freytag, General Manager, Workforce Relations & Strategy, and Superintendent Jason Joyce, Project Manager – LAC Restructure. We will continue to keep members advised of any issues that arise. We will be involving Departmental Committee Delegates in these meetings.

If anybody wishes to raise matters please contact PSA Organisers: Heather Smith on 0407 498 588 or Lee Coulton on 0499 011 483 - or your local PSA Delegate.

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General Secretary

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