

NSW Police – Re-Engineering update

Today, the Police Commissioner finally announced the proposed restructure of the Metropolitan Sydney Local Area Commands.

The PSA will now discuss the proposed changes with delegates and members and commence negotiations with NSW Police.

Police HR have told the PSA that the information on the placement process for affected staff will be available today. If this is not the case, please let us know.

While this means that members in the metropolitan area will have some idea of their future, the Police Minister hasn't provided the same information to regional LAC staff.

We wrote to the Minister two weeks ago requesting this information for all our members, both regional, and metro but this was ignored.

The PSA cannot help but wonder if the Minister is perhaps concerned about the effect of an announcement regarding regional changes before the coming Murray and Cootamundra by-elections which will be held on 14 October 2017.

If this is the case, he is playing with the futures of our members as a political ploy.

Why are is the Minister, who is from regional NSW himself, treating regional employees as second class citizens, leaving them to wait endlessly before being told of their future and what that will mean for their families?

How will local policing improve by closing LACs in the regions?

What will be the effect on response times?

What will happen to local knowledge and crime prevention?

If the jobs of administrative support staff are cut, jobs that allow Police Officers to actually be Police out in the community, how can the Government expect to reach its stated goal of increasing the number of operational Police on the street?

The NSW Government must publicly state that no jobs (Police or civilian) will be lost in regional areas as a result of these amalgamations.

If there will be regional job losses, has the Government considered and assessed the economic impact of this on vulnerable regional communities?

Has the Minister met with both relevant unions to discuss any proposed job losses? He certainly hasn't met with the PSA, nor answered our letter.

PSA members are the Strength behind the Force.

Without you, Police cannot undertake their full duties on behalf of the community.

The Minister needs to provide all the answers now, not after the coming by-elections.

If members have any questions about the placement process, please contact the Member Support Centre 1300 772 679 or email to membersupport@psa.asn.au with 'Police Re-Engineering' as the subject.

