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Wagga Police Welcome New Minister's Action

The Police Association of NSW today welcomed the commitment by Minister for Justice and Police, Troy Grant of five new positions for Wagga Local Area Command effective immediately.

As a sign of good faith the Wagga Branch had suspended their industrial action on 10th April pending the outcome of today's meeting.

Police Association Wagga Wagga Branch Chairperson, Malinda McLachlan, said, "Today's meeting with the Minister was very positive and the new positions allocated to Wagga are a step in the right direction.

"This is about matching resources to demand and allocating officers to where they are most urgently needed.

"It by no means fixes the under-resourcing problem, however the additional officers at Wagga will provide some relief for members in the short-term.

"The Minister has made a commitment to continue to work on a long-term solution and will be attending Wagga in the month of June for further consultation to find a suitable outcome for all parties.

"Local police have been looking for a common sense approach; the Minister has come to the table today with the first step towards achieving that. The branch eagerly looks forward to meeting with the Minister to continue with this approach.

"The local community deserves appropriate local operational resources to meet local priorities."

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