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MORE POLICE FOR CAMDEN: WIN FOR THE COMMUNITY AND LOCAL POLICE

The Police Association of NSW (PANSW), today welcomed the commitment from NSW Police Force (NSWPF) hierarchy to address critical police shortages in Camden and Wollondilly by delivering more police to the Camden Local Area Command.

At a Branch Meeting held this afternoon, the Camden Branch of the PANSW voted to accept the offer of 10 extra frontline police and to cease industrial action.

We are pleased the NSWPF hierarchy decided to show leadership and stand with local police and the Camden community by allocating the police numbers needed and we recognise Assistant Commissioner Frank Mennilli for his efforts on this issue.

The PANSW acknowledges the Member for Camden, The Hon. Chris Patterson MP for his strong advocacy in securing this outcome and the Member for Wollondilly, The Hon. Jai Rowell, MP for his ongoing support of local police.

We commend both on recognising the urgent need for more police in this fast growing region. Camden LAC currently has a population of approximately 130,000 people covering both Camden LGA and Wollondilly LGA.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, "Ten extra frontline police will help fill additional first response positions. Camden LAC has an average response time per job of in excess of 15 minutes. The region average is approximately 9 minutes per job.

"We have taken up the cause on behalf of our members who have consistently raised the alarm from the frontline, concerning the urgent need for more police.

"Local police care deeply about the Wollondilly and Camden communities and many live and work in this area. The Camden Branch of the PANSW has been tireless in their efforts fighting for extra police numbers so they can protect the local community and look after themselves.

"It's been a long road and the Branch have remained united and acted professionally and fairly in their claims for more staff throughout staffing submissions, meetings with Region Commanders and lobbying local politicians.

"The Branch has been calling for more staff for over two years and their patience has been rewarded. We thank NSW Camden Branch Chairperson, Daniel Ryder who dedicated a lot of his own time to the campaign and securing this outcome for members.

"The extra police are urgently needed now and we will continue to work with NSWPF hierarchy to deliver the 10 positions immediately."

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