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New Premier now needs to appoint next Police Commissioner

The Police Association of NSW has welcomed the appointment of The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, MP as Premier of NSW, and today's new Cabinet announcement.

We look forward to continuing to work with The Hon. Troy Grant, MP, as Minister for Police, and acknowledge his retention in the portfolio will provide the stability and continuity especially needed at this time.

One of the first priorities for the new Premier should be to select the next Police Commissioner and to move forward the reengineering of the NSW Police Force, (NSWPF).

Reengineering the force is aimed at delivering police on the ground where they're needed and when they're needed – this means our communities will reap the safety benefits. Police numbers should be increased strategically to meet the growing needs of community as determined by an accurate and transparent allocation model.

Also on the agenda for the government and the NSWPF hierarchy are the ongoing negotiations regarding the working conditions of police officers and the *Police Act*.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, "We're living in a different world at the moment, it's an era of uncertainty with the emergence of new and unforeseen security threats.

"Aside from the traditional challenges of crime control and prevention, police are now called upon to address a myriad of competing responsibilities stemming from entrenched social problems such as disadvantage, domestic & family-related violence, mental illnesses, and a rise in anti-social behaviour.

"Police officers are 24-hour problem solvers and face ongoing challenges and risks from a variety of fronts, whether originating from a person, extremist group, the mentally ill and/or drug-affected individuals or a direct home-grown terrorism threat.

"We will continue to do everything to protect the community from constant threats in an evolving security environment.

'In order to do this is it essential this state has a modern, well-equipped, well-resourced and trained police force.

"At this time of increased risk it has never been more crucial that we have a police force able to respond quickly to changes in our operating environment and to connect and keep the community safe.

"What is needed right now is clear direction and clear leadership, and we look forward to working with the Premier and Police Minister to deliver this for police officers and the people of NSW."

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