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### TROY GRANT MP

The Police Association of NSW (PANSW), today acknowledged the outstanding contribution of Minister for Justice and Police, Troy Grant MP for his contribution to the policing environment.

The Minister announced today he will not seek re-election after the 2019 Election but will stay on as Minister.

He has held the Police portfolio since April 2015 and came to NSW Parliament after more than two decades as a sworn officer in the NSW Police Force.

Mr Grant joined the Force in 1989 and rose to the rank of Inspector. He was integral to implementing a number of community-based policing initiatives and was twice awarded the Commissioner's Commendation for Courage.

Police Association President, Tony King, said, "We would like to thank Troy Grant for being a staunch advocate in supporting the PANSW and our efforts to improve the working conditions, resources and safety of NSW police officers.

"We have developed a productive working relationship with the Minister who brought valuable policing experience with him.

"More so now than ever, policing needs strong leadership and strong representation from the Government, the Minister and the NSW Police Hierarchy. The stresses of modern policing are taking a toll on frontline officers.

"Increasing demands on police workloads are stretching officers to breaking point and the recent budget does very little to fix the burden. Police officers are struggling to meet their workloads and the NSW Police Force is failing to meet target times in responding to emergency calls.

"The Minister understands NSW needs 500 additional police officers immediately, and 500 each year over the next term of Government to fill vacancies and meet rising workloads and the challenges of policing.

"We look forward to working with him to ensure the Government delivers."

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