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1500 extra cops a critical boost for community safety

Today's announcement that the NSW Government will provide funding for an additional 1500 police in the state is a huge boost for community safety, the Police Association of NSW said today.

The Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, today announced an investment of more than \$583 million over four years to bolster police numbers.

Police Association of NSW President, Tony King, said that the boost in police numbers is a fantastic step towards addressing the significant shortfall in policing the Association has been urging the NSW Government to address as part of its Back the Blue campaign.

"An additional 1500 police will have a real impact on community safety in NSW. Of course we would have liked to see a greater increase in police numbers, but this is a significant down-payment," Mr King said.

"These extra 1500 cops will go a long way towards ensuring the major gaps are filled. It's enough to deal with the critical gaps in resources we have here and now – the next step now is to ensure we have the resources to make sure we're not just dealing with the issues in front of us, but that we're staying ahead of the criminals and preparing for the future.

"The Police Association has been urging the NSW Government to act to address the gaping holes in resources we're currently experiencing, and it's a credit to the NSW Premier that she's listened and acted.

"This is the largest injection of police we've seen in decades. It will go a long way towards ensuring our police have the resources we need to keep the community safe.

"We'll now be continuing talks with local police and the Commissioner to ensure the areas we've identified as being under-resourced are given the police boost they need."

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