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SUBJECT:

IPSWICH POLICE COMMUNICATION CENTRE ISSUES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minister notes the content of this briefing note.

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| <p>NOTED / SUPPORTED</p> <p><i>R Barnett</i> Ross Barnett Deputy Commissioner, Specialist Operations 17 / 7 / 15</p> | <p>NOTED / APPROVED / NOT APPROVED</p> <p>The Hon. Jo-Ann Miller MP Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services / / 15</p> |
| <p>NOTED / SUPPORTED</p> <p><i>Ian Stewart</i> Ian Stewart Commissioner 17 / 7 / 15</p> | <p>MINISTER'S COMMENTS:</p> |
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MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

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9. Other QPS at-risk PCC sites which have been consolidated into larger centres in 2014 include Mareeba PCC, during 2015 Charleville PCC, Roma PCC, Dalby PCC, and in 2010 Broadbeach PCC and Redcliffe PCC in 2009.
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14. Advice has been received that the Premier will visit the Ipswich PCC, possibly together with the Ipswich Mayor and the President of the Qld Police Union, on Saturday 18 July between 3.30pm – 4.00pm.
15. The following QPS Senior Officers will be available at the Ipswich PCC to receive the Premier and provide any information to support the visit, as required:
- Assistant Commissioner Paul Stewart, Community Contact Command Sch4p4(6)
 - Superintendent Mark Kelly, Ipswich District Officer Sch4p4(6)
 - Superintendent Glenn Horton, Command QPS PCCs Sch4p4(6)
16. The issues relating to QPS Police Communication Centres are many and varied, predominately revolving around sufficiency of staff; technology and adequacy of facilities across the QPS.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

17. That the Minister notes this brief.

PAUL STEWART
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
COMMUNITY CONTACT COMMAND

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 Date: 17/07/2015



QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

AGREEMENT FROM CONCILIATION CONFERENCE

**D/2015/51 - Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees v State of Queensland
(Queensland Police Service)**

Date: 9.30 am - 12.40 pm Wednesday 15 July 2015

At a conciliation conference convened by the Commission on Wednesday 15 July 2015, the parties agreed as follows:

- [1] That decisions in relation to the proposed closure of Communication Centres at Ipswich, Innisfail, and Mt Isa be on hold pending consultation between representatives of the Queensland Police Service and Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees, in accordance with Clause 7.3 of the *State Government Departments Certified Agreement 2009*.
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- [6] The process hereby agreed does not interfere with any transfer of a staff member who has individually agreed to such transfer at the date of this agreement.



G.J. NEATE
Industrial Commissioner
15/07/2015

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17. Consistent with the IRC agreement that further consultation occur, no changes to business practices, physical layout or operations of the Ipswich PCC have been initiated whilst this consultation phase progresses.
18. The following options and risks continue to be considered by the QPS for the Ipswich PCC.
19. Option A: Maintaining the Status Quo: Maintain Ipswich PCC with current technology, with a legacy Information Management System (IMS), but including the installation of the new GWN radio network. This is not considered a viable option and maintains current operational risks.
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 - *Advantages*: Low or neutral cost (GWN radio upgrade is funded under existing contract).
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 - *Advantages*: Low or neutral cost, capitalising on recent Brisbane PCC and G20 POC investment; economies of scale by reducing operating costs with larger workforce for more efficient and effective PCC operation; access to new and emerging technologies at larger centre, including retaining access to Ipswich Council CCTV through new links to Brisbane; improved customer emergency call response for Ipswich District community; relinquish some accommodation space at Yamanto to other Ipswich District Police; creates a sustainable precedent or model for further at-risk Communication Centres.
23. While all options are considered feasible, option 'B', the creation of a new specialist PCC role for Ipswich PCC remains a concept and before a final business model could be determined, would require further discussion and detailed costing to progress. Funding for options 'B' and 'C' is not readily available and would likely require the re-direction of funds from other QPS commitments or planned activity.
24. Irrespective of the option selected, operational changes will not be implemented during the period 30 Nov 2015 – 30 Mar 2016, the high risk summer disaster season for Queensland. The QPS operates at a high degree of readiness during this period and the reduction in operational capability through either upgrading or decommissioning a site would present an unnecessary risk to the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

25. That the Minister:
- (i) Notes that consultation with Unions, including discussion on the options considered by the QPS is continuing; and
 - (ii) Provides confirmation or advice on the QPS interpretation of the *Employment Security Policy* (paragraph 15: as requested by the Together Union) – that Cabinet approval is not required for all organisational structural change, only those that are major or significant as outlined in the policy, as determined following discussion between the Commissioner and Minister.



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- *Risks & Disadvantages:* Some or many Ipswich PCC staff may not wish to relocate and seek alternative QPS or government positions within Ipswich area; Unions and community perception of loss of local knowledge for operation and 'ownership' of local PCC; and Ipswich Council and Media critical of decision to reduce local employment opportunities through some positions relocating out of district.
 - *Advantages:* Low or neutral cost, capitalising on recent Brisbane PCC and G20 POC investment; economies of scale by reducing operating costs with larger workforce for more efficient and effective PCC operation; access to new and emerging technologies at larger centre, including retaining access to Ipswich Council CCTV through new links to Brisbane; improved customer emergency call response for Ipswich District community; relinquish some accommodation space at Yamanto to other Ipswich District Police; creates a sustainable precedent or model for further at-risk Communication Centres.
23. While all options are considered feasible, option 'B', the creation of a new specialist PCC role for Ipswich PCC remains a concept and before a final business model could be determined, would require further discussion and detailed costing to progress. Funding for options 'B' and 'C' is not readily available and would likely require the re-direction of funds from other QPS commitments or planned activity.
24. Irrespective of the option selected, operational changes will not be implemented during the period 30 Nov 2015 – 30 Mar 2016, the high risk summer disaster season for Queensland. The QPS operates at a high degree of readiness during this period and the reduction in operational capability through either upgrading or decommissioning a site would present an unnecessary risk to the community.

UPDATE 20/11/15

25. **Consultation with the Unions has continued over recent months, however no consensus has been achieved with neither Union accepting the specialist PCC option presented as an alternative to closure, discussed at paragraph 20.**
26. **The Service position is that the matter remains under consideration and consultation is ongoing, with no decision relating to Ipswich PCC to be made and implemented prior to the conclusion of the current high risk summer disaster season in Queensland. Once a decision is made, formal advice should be provided to Unions as part of the resolution of the July 2015 Industrial Relations Commission Agreement, prior to any public statement of outcome being made,**
27. **The Unions will be advised of the QPS position in due course.**

RECOMMENDATION:

28. That the Minister:

(i) Notes that consultation with Unions is continuing and no final decision on the future of the Ipswich PCC is likely to be made until early 2016.

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SUBJECT:

GWN PHASE TWO 'GO LIVE' BRISBANE POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE AND IPSWICH POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minister notes the content of this briefing note.

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| <p>NOTED / SUPPORTED</p>  <p>Steve Gollschewski Deputy Commissioner, Specialist Operations 10/12/15</p> | <p>NOTED / APPROVED / NOT APPROVED</p> <p>The Hon. William Byrne MP Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services / /15</p> |
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MINISTERIAL BRIEFING NOTE

SUBJECT: GWN PHASE TWO 'GO LIVE' BRISBANE POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE AND IPSWICH POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE

PURPOSE:

1. To inform the Minister of the approved Government Wireless Network (GWN) Phase Two 'Go Live' for Brisbane Police Communications Centre (PCC) and the Ipswich PCC on 16 December 2015.

BACKGROUND:

2. The GWN is a new P25 Digital Radio network being implemented by the Queensland Government to improve radio communications for Queensland Public Safety Agencies (PSA's). The GWN will replace many QPS analogue radio networks within South East Queensland, which are capable of being monitored by the media and public, with a secure encrypted digital system. This secure system delivers both increased privacy; supports sensitive QPS operations; and provides a range of officer and general public safety benefits to the community.
3. On 26 and 27 October 2015 the GWN Digital Radio network had a successful Phase One 'Go Live' transition at Beenleigh PCC servicing the South Eastern Region of the Queensland Police Service. Phase Two will include both the QPS Brisbane Metropolitan and Ipswich District areas. Phase Three, the final component of the GWN roll-out and encompassing the Toowoomba and North Coast areas, is scheduled for early 2016 (January/February – date to be advised).
4. The announced closure of the Ipswich PCC, including the recent Ministerial announcement of the site remaining open and being fitted with GWN technology, has resulted in some media reporting and it is possible the implementation of Phase Two may result in further media commentary. The Public Safety Business Agency is managing media relations relating to the GWN with no specific media issues identified for the Ipswich or Brisbane areas. Upon GWN implementation within the Ipswich area, public access to police radio communication will cease (Brisbane has operated on a secure digital system for over a decade).

ISSUES:

5. On 4 December 2015 the GWN Executive Steering Committee met and agreed that the network and agencies were ready to "Go Live" and approved the dates proposed for all agencies to transition onto the GWN Phase Two roll-out.
6. The 'Go Live' date for the Brisbane PCC and Ipswich PCC has been approved commencing on 16 December 2015.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

7. That the Minister notes this brief.



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