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February 7, 2026
Minister for Police
Hon Daniel Purdie

Dear Minister Purdie,

As governor of District 22 encompassing 42 clubs and approximately 1000 members in Queensland, I write to formally express our concern regarding recent reports on the disbandment of the Vulnerable Persons Units (VPU) within the Queensland Police Service.

Our members work in close partnership with organizations that support victims of family and gender-based violence, and we have seen firsthand the essential role VPU officers play in safeguarding vulnerable women and children. Preventing violence is not only a community priority – it is a critical public policy imperative that demands sustained specialized capability within our policing system.

For years, the VPU has delivered measurable improvements in victim support, community safety and inter-agency coordination. The progress achieved through these units reflects a significant investment in public trust and resources, and any move to diminish their capacity risks eroding the gains made in reducing harm and improving outcomes for those most at risk.

The 2022 review into the QPS exposed serious issues of misogyny, sexism, and racism within the service. While some progress has been made, several key recommendations remain unimplemented. Although we recognize that media reporting may not always reflect full context, we are concerned by reports suggesting that addressing violence against women – representing nearly the population is not “Core police business” and that the “perceived primacy” of family violence has demanded too much police time. Our discussions with officers in these roles consistently indicate that more than 50% of calls out relate to domestic and family violence.

With coercive control legislation now in place, it is essential that neither the government nor the QPS undermine hard-won progress achieved to date. DFV rates continue to rise and without sustained, specialized focus, significant and preventable

harm will persist for women and children across Queensland.

We ask for a full and transparent review and public release of the 100-day review leading to this decision. We hope the government will reaffirm its commitment to ending domestic and family violence .

I look forward to your response.



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***Copy: Hon. A Camm , Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence
Hon, D Crisafulli, Premier***