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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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We need more police in the tamworth nsw local area command, as a business owner I have had to press my duress alarm twice in the last month, on both occasions it took police hours to attend, this is unacceptable for the enormous delay. We have an extremely high crime rate and not enough police to police the LAC. Even residents reporting g crime have to wait several hours to report it. Then the offenders are at large some times for months before they are arrested and charged this once again goes to the lack of officers to police our town, not to mention the raging drug epidemic and the follow on crime from it! The only time some action from police happens in this town is when raptor pays a visit! Tamworth is a major regional town but has the police service of a minute country town this problem will not end until we have and adequate size police force in this town to deal with the inflating crime levels. Part of this would also need to initiate mental health professionals for crises like nsw police has in Sydney!