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NOTICE OF MOTION – CR MELCHERT

PETITION – REQUEST FOR 24 HOUR POLICE SERVICE IN THE DOUGLAS SHIRE

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I hereby give Notice of my intention to move the following motion at Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday 26 May 2015:-

“In accordance with the petition received from a broad cross section of the community in the Douglas Shire that Council urgently make representations to the State Government through the Minister for Police requesting resources be made available to have our police stations manned [sic] for 24 hours over the days of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each week so that the area can be properly policed and public order and safety can be restored for the residents of Cooya Beach and the Shire generally”.

BACKGROUND

The petitioners have said “we wish to draw Council's attention the wild and noisy parties and gatherings which are occurring in various public places, including the area near the boat ramp, the park areas and in road reserve areas in the township of Cooya Beach.

The activities go until all hours of the morning are attended by up to 20 young people many of whom are affected by drugs or alcohol and cause disruption to the quality of life for residents in the area, many of whom now fear for their personal safety.

Calls to the Police do not result in any response as we are advised the Local Police Stations are not manned or resourced to be manned 24 hours per day”.

There is little doubt that if Police Patrol cars are circulating 24/7 across the Shire the type of problem described by residents would be reduced. The current situation appears to be that the organisers of parties schedule the events to times when they know there is no Police presence.

CEO'S COMMENT:

The decision to advocate on behalf of the community for further policing resources from the State Government is a policy decision for Council and is supported by staff.