

The Hon David Campbell MP
Minister for Police
Parliament House
Macquarie St
SYDNEY NSW 2000

6th March 2008
BY HAND DELIVERY

Dear Minister,

Re: Northern Beaches Local Area Command – Dee Why

I write to express my concern at the state of the Northern Beaches LAC and your answer dated 26th February 2008 to questions I raised in relation to the LAC.

The facilities at Dee Why are atrocious.

Built more than three decades ago – the station was designed for approximately 70 officers and now has to cope with an authorised strength of 199 including approximately 60 women.

As I regularly attend the PACT meetings I have documented the demise of the premises and recently observed water damaged ceilings (again), water penetrated window seals, non-functioning air conditioning, inadequate locker rooms for males and females, storage facilities which have to be accessed by female police through the male locker room, tea making facilities immediately adjacent to the men's toilet, etc.

I note your answer to my question did not show any intent on your part to give priority to visiting the Northern Beaches LAC and specifically stated that there are, "No proposals to upgrade the Northern Beaches LAC station at Dee Why".

This facility is more suited to sardines than police officers and your urgent attention is sought.

I ask that you give immediate priority to visiting the station and meeting with me and more particularly, local officers to review the needs of local police to provide appropriate policing.

Yours faithfully,

Brad Hazzard MP
Member for Wakehurst