



BRRAG

Belmont Resident and Ratepayer Action Group Inc.

“To provide an effective voice for the people of Belmont”

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Cassie Rowe MLA
Belmont

Dear Cassie

Many thanks for organising the upcoming forum on policing with Minister Roberts in September. I am sure the residents will be pleased to have their concerns heard.

We would like to have available the statistics on the numbers of police officers stationed at Belmont over the years. The years we would like to have numbers available would be from 1970 until the present time. Five year increments would be appreciated. I have posted this question on your facebook page, however I am unclear if you actually monitor it yourself.

According to people contacting BRRAG and from reading the Belmont (WA) Community Watch facebook page, it appears that the crime in Belmont is out of control. Some residents are frightened in their homes and to go out, cars broken into in large numbers, theft, fraud, anti social behaviour, the list is endless. Then we have even the more serious crimes of car jacking and armed hold ups.

This Labour government wants infill and people living on top of each other. The more people in any locality will bring a certain percentage of additional crime. The increase in policing numbers needs to keep pace with the increasing population. This is basic infrastructure that is needed for the safety of the residents of Belmont. We believe far more needs to be done than is currently being done.

Hopefully with well over a month to the forum, it will give you the necessary time to find out these numbers. It is important the community can be assured that they will not only feel safe but be safe. I am sure the numbers will be of interest to a large portion of the community as most feel there is a lack of police in the area.

Please be advised this letter and any response will go on the BRRAG website for the purpose of transparency for the residents of Belmont. We will be getting this letter out into the community so the residents can be assured that we have asked the question in plenty of time so answers can be given to all of us.

Kindest regards

Lisa Hollands
Chairperson BRRAG