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## **Zero new police for Tweed despite graduation of 225**

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The State Labor Government has not allocated the Tweed a single new officer despite 225 cadets graduating from the Goulburn Academy on Tuesday, prompting an angry Tweed Nationals MP Geoff Provest to demand the Tweed be given its own Local Area Command.

"The Tweed has about one officer for every 800 residents while the New South Wales average is one officer for every 500 residents. In addition, our population is swelled by visitors from across the border," Mr Provest said.

"The case for more officers in the Tweed is therefore overwhelming, yet we have not received a single new officer from this graduation of 225."

"Further, we have only received one of the two \$106,000 Mobile Police Command Vans Labor pledged before the election, while the promised new Tweed Police Station has been put back to the 2008/09 budget."

Mr Provest said it was time for the Tweed to have its own Police Local Area Command instead of sharing with Byron, with the Shire's population growth justifying the change.

"I have been out on night patrol with Tweed officers and I know first hand what a great job they do despite an appalling lack of resources from the State Labor Government."

"Tweed cops are tops, and they deserve better from Labor," he concluded.

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