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### **CRIME PREVENTION FOCUS FOR REGION ENFORCEMENT SQUAD**

Regional NSW will soon benefit from the rollout of a new specialist police team, targeting mid-level crime in country areas.

Minister for Police Troy Grant today joined NSW Police Commissioner Michael Fuller and Deputy Commissioner for Regional Field Operations Gary Worboys at the Wagga Wagga Police Station to announce the first Region Enforcement Squad for country NSW.

Mr Grant said the new squad would aim to decrease the workload for frontline police in the Southern Region.

“Commissioner Fuller is driving the first significant reforms to the NSW Police Force’s structure in two decades, and today’s announcement is just a start of what regional communities can expect to see as the re-engineering process continues,” Mr Grant said.

“Region Enforcement Squads have proven to be enormously successful in metropolitan areas, so I am delighted to be making this announcement with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner today as they work to create a more fluid and futureproof structure for the NSW Police Force.

“By pooling resources in our regions with the capability to prevent and disrupt crime, our officers will be able to focus more on proactive policing rather than reactive policing.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is absolutely committed to giving our regional officers all the support they need to stop crime in its tracks.”

Commissioner Fuller said the Region Enforcement Squad model is about targeting the criminals that are driving crime in regional areas.

“It’s long overdue the country has the same resources as its city neighbours,” Commissioner Fuller said.

“As the Commissioner I’ve spoken since day one about the need to have a flexible workforce. This is re-engineering in action.

“The officers will be equipped with covert assets worth tens of thousands of dollars and

trained to work on targets across towns and regional borders.”

Deputy Commissioner Gary Worboys said this is another resource available to tackle the scourge of illegal drugs and rural crime.

“Officers work diligently across the State to put the communities they serve first and this additional resource will help them prevent and disrupt those crimes that are having an impact on the everyday lives of residents and businesses,” Deputy Commissioner Worboys said.

“Region Enforcement Squads can be deployed across NSW to tackle crimes like mid-level drug supply, which will allow uniformed officers more time to focus on other crimes.”

The Region Enforcement Squad based in Wagga Wagga will commence operations by the end of the year.

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