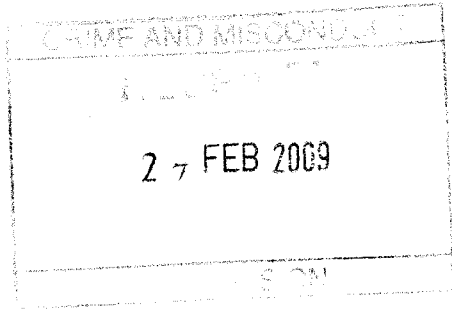


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Mr Robert Needham
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Dear Mr Needham

Crime and Misconduct Commission Review of Queensland's Police Move-on Powers

I refer to your letter of 23 December 2008 advising the above review. Scenic Rim Regional Council was formed in March 2008 with responsibility for the former Boonah Shire Council area, the southern part of the Beaudesert Shire and a small section of Ipswich City Council. Our Council and the predecessor Councils responsible for this area have had limited involvement with Police regarding the exercise of move-on powers.

Recent cases where such powers have been required are:

- Where an individual parked his mini bus on a roadside area (without any facilities) for an extended period and ignored directions by Council officers to move on; and
- Where a group of youths behaving inappropriately (and suspected of illegal activities) dominated a skateboard facility in a local park to the exclusion of others.

It should be noted that whilst Council has some powers under its local laws for Authorised Officers of Council to deal with such cases, the involvement of properly trained and resourced Police Officers is critical when dealing with difficult and uncooperative individuals. Our experience has been that Police are using these powers properly, fairly and effectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the review.

Yours faithfully

Craig R Barke
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER