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ELMES CALLS FOR FAIR SHARE OF \$1.5 MILLION FOR NOOSA

Member for Noosa Glen Elmes is continuing his campaign to have the police to population ratio increased to an adequate level to cope with the increasing law and order problems in the Noosa community.

Glen Elmes said that he was saddened to hear of the violent attack on a young man in Hastings Street in the early hours of Sunday morning which left him with serious head injuries.

"This young man's parents and family must be worried sick at the moment, hoping that their son and loved one will recover."

"The Police Minister has allocated \$1.5 million to fund additional policing statewide and has finally acknowledged that the Sunshine Coast has problem areas other than Mooloolaba and these are Noosa, Coolum and Caloundra which the Minister has referred to as the Sunshine Coast's '*drunken hot spots*'.

"What I want to be assured of is that this isn't just more of the Bligh government's political spin.

"I have written to Minister Roberts today asking just how much of that \$1.5 million will be allocated to Noosa and how many more police officers and licensing officers this will equate to.

"It's all well and good to make grandiose announcements but if the Minister intends to divide that \$1.5 million using the same method as the police to population allocation model, Noosa will get pittance and we won't see any meaningful increase in either extra police or extra hours.

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