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Dear Mr French

I refer to your letter of 23 January 2025 to the Honourable Dan Purdie MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, regarding police reporting of traffic crashes.

I have been asked to respond to you on behalf of the Minister. I referred this matter to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) so that I can be better informed about the issues raised.

I am advised the QPS Media and Public Affairs team operates under QPS Media reporting and style guidelines. Effective communication with the community is important for creating mutual trust, understanding and legitimacy.

An intrinsic part of the Service's public accountability is the need to keep the community informed about broad policing issues, which will impact on people's lives and acknowledges their responsibility to provide up-to-date and accurate information to convey factual accounts to the public.

QPS Media seek to provide the public with timely information and while traffic crashes remain under investigation, the QPS cannot attribute blame on a driver or any other party until such time the investigation is complete.

The QPS regularly reviews its guidelines to remain contemporaneous, victim-centric and trauma-formed, while adhering to legislative and policy requirements when reporting on matters under investigation or before the courts.

Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact Acting Inspector Alice Carnes, Media Manager, QPS Media and Public Affairs Group, who is available on (07) 3364 6476.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Fraser", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Fraser
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