



18 March 2019

Iwi Chairs

### **Tena Koutou Katoa**

Hutia te rito o te harakeke. Kei whea te kōmaka e kō? Kī mai kī ahau. He aha te mea nui o te Ao? Māku e kī atu, he tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata

This communication is to keep you informed of the approach in general terms being adopted by the Police in Tasman

Firstly, our hearts are with our colleagues and the community in Christchurch as they grieve for those killed. This was a very targeted attack on parts of our Muslim community. We have been working closely with these communities right across Tasman.

I want to be clear there is no specific threat in Tasman or nationally. We are taking the risk and therefore the threat of copycat or individuals motivated by this event very seriously. You will be aware that the National Threat Level has been reassessed from Low to High following this event, this is a significant step to ensure our country is safe. Given the ongoing situation and the potential risks across New Zealand, our Police will continue to be armed as a preventative measure to ensure we can deal with any circumstance that may arise. This is being reassessed on a daily basis.

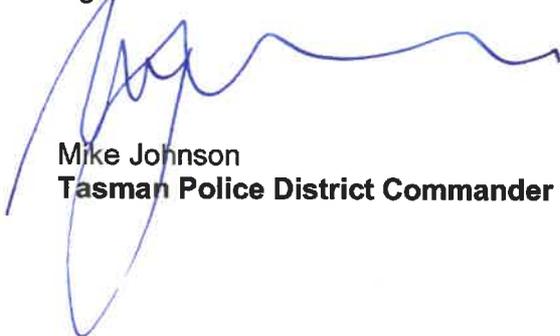
I want to assure you that my staff (your Police) will be visible in the community and resolute in our efforts to provide support and assurance to all. There will be a number of gatherings here, and across Te Tau Ihu Waka a Maui over the next week or two and Police will be highly visible at these events for these reasons.

I have deployed a number of staff to Christchurch to support our people and to assist ongoing the investigation.

Our prayers, thoughts and wishes go out to all the families in this most tragic time.

It is important I keep Iwi informed of the situation and thank you for your manaakitanga.

Ngā Mihi



**Mike Johnson**  
**Tasman Police District Commander**