

## Hon Michael Gallacher MLC

Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council Minister for Police and Emergency Services Minister for the Hunter

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## ROTATING DUTIES FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS TO STRENGTHEN NSW POLICE FORCE

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gallacher, has today welcomed the new arrangements for the Deputy Commissioners of Police, indicating the rotation will enhance the experience of the senior leadership of the NSW Police Force.

Commissioner of Police Andrew Scipione has today authorised the rotation of the Deputy Commissioners Field Operations and Specialist Operations.

"We have very able Deputies with vast experience across a range of different policing environments," Minister Gallacher said.

"These changes will add to the capabilities of both Deputies, further strengthening the senior leadership of our Police Force.

Deputy Commissioner Dave Owens will move from Field Operations to Specialist Operations, and Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas from Specialist to Field.

Deputy Commissioner Catherine Burn will remain in the position of Deputy Commissioner Corporate Services for the time being.

"This rotation will provide the community with confidence knowing that our leaders in the NSW Police Force have continued and wide ranging experience to lead our Force.

"I believe both Deputies will also make important contributions in their new positions and that can only benefit the community," Minister Gallacher concluded.

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