

Working together to support policing's future operating environment

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Preparing for new challenges to the best of our ability

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Since its inception, I have viewed the College of Policing as a central aspect of our police service, both from a personal perspective and through my role as President of the Police Superintendents' Association.

Our Association represents superintendents and chief superintendents – the senior operational leaders in today's police forces. We work to help, lead and develop the police service to improve policing standards and to actively contribute to shaping future policy and practice at national and strategic levels. Therefore our role and influence in working with the College is extremely important to us. Along with my fellow national officers, I sit on various groups that feed into the College. In my role as a Non-Executive Director on the College Board, I'm privileged to be well-sighted on the work it undertakes.

We have been pushing for and supporting work around the future operating environment for a long time. It's encouraging that this work is now coming together to help us understand the detailed picture of what the environment ahead looks like for policing.

Looking to the future

It's likely we'll face a raft of new challenges around fractured societies, technological developments and diversity, and we must prepare for this to the best of our ability. I have welcomed the opportunity to serve as a critical friend as the future operating model has been developed. I am pleased to see the release of this, and look forward to the work that will follow.

Looking forward, I'm hopeful and confident that **the changes the College makes will be accessible by design** and based on the development needs of our people, with a firm eye on the **future operating environment** it must cater for.

Our Association will continue to work alongside the College to create an enhanced centre of learning and policing excellence that our workforce is rightly proud of.

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