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# Jobs under the gun as police look to revamp

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UP to 50 inspectors and 20 commanders could be axed from the NSW Police Force and replaced with more junior, frontline officers, under the state government's plan to amalgamate local area police commands.

The Daily Telegraph understands the number of local area commands will also be cut from 80 to about 60 under the scheme — designed to modernise the force, deploy officers where they are needed and cut middle management costs.

A number of police stations may also close during the overhaul — the first time in 20 years the force has undergone major structural change.

Police Minister Troy Grant yesterday refused to confirm how many jobs could be lost but said it was “entirely false to suggest police services will be reduced in any way”.

“The intention of re-engineering is to ensure the NSW Police Force is best placed to protect the community into the future. It is in no way about cutting officer numbers,” he added.

Police Commissioner Mick Fuller said no decisions have been made yet but admitted there will be “streamlining across the organisation that will set the force up to better serve the community now and into the future.”

Fairfield and Cabramatta local area commands are among those most likely to be

merged, while Camden and Campbelltown may also be amalgamated.