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## Police Seek Public Help to Find Man Missing from Lake Haven

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Police are urgently appealing for public assistance to locate Bruce Wilde, a 63-year-old man missing from Lake Haven, New South Wales (NSW), since July 17, 2025. Concerns for his welfare due to medical conditions and mobility issues have prompted a widespread search, with critics questioning the state's emergency response capabilities.

Bruce Wilde was last seen at a Lake Haven address around 10 a.m. on July 17, 2025, triggering alarm when he could not be contacted. Officers from Tuggerah Lakes Police District were notified on July 28 and launched inquiries into his whereabouts. Described as

Caucasian, approximately 180cm tall, 180kg, with grey hair and brown eyes, Wilde relies on mobility aids and typically wears blue jeans and a blue polo top. “We’re deeply worried for Bruce’s safety,” said a Tuggerah Lakes Police District spokesperson, urging anyone with information to contact Wyong Police or Crime Stoppers at 1800 333 000. He is known to frequent the Central Coast and Toowoomb Bay areas, but no confirmed sightings have been reported since his disappearance.

Local residents are frustrated, with some, like Lake Haven shopkeeper Jenny Carter, telling 7NEWS, “We see too many missing persons cases here, and the response feels slow”. The incident has fueled criticism of the NSW Labor government’s underfunded police resources, with Opposition Leader Mark Speakman arguing, “Labor’s budget priorities leave regional areas like the Central Coast short on policing”. NSW Police data shows over 1,200 missing persons cases reported statewide in 2025, raising questions about systemic gaps in search coordination and public safety infrastructure.

The search for Wilde highlights broader concerns about support for vulnerable residents, particularly those with medical needs. Community groups are calling for better tracking systems and faster response protocols. As the investigation continues, police are combing CCTV footage and urging residents to check properties for any sign of Wilde. The public’s help is critical to bringing him home safely, and authorities stress that even minor details could prove vital in this ongoing effort.