

# TACKLING YOUTH CRIME & STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY



# WHAT WE HAVE DONE



ESTABLISHED COURT ORDERED VICTIM OFFENDER CONFERENCING



65 NEW YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS TO WORK WITH YOUTH AT RISK AND YOUNG OFFENDERS



MORE THAN \$20M INVESTED INTO DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY SENTENCING OPTIONS



BOOSTED BOOT AND WORK CAMPS ACROSS THE TERRITORY



NEW YOUTH DROP IN CENTRES AND AFTER HOUR PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH



EXPANDED PATROLS INCLUDING YOUTH NIGHT PATROLS ACROSS THE TERRITORY



NEW BAIL ACCOMMODATION AND STRONGER MONITORING OF BAIL CONDITIONS



INTENSIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS



NEW YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRE IN DARWIN AND MAJOR UPGRADES OF ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRE UNDERWAY

RECORD LEVELS OF POLICE & 75 POLICE AUXILIARY LIQUOR INSPECTORS



RECORD POLICE BUDGET AND INVESTMENT



STRIKEFORCE ORION TO TACKLE YOUTH PROPERTY CRIME



OVER 400 ADDITIONAL CCTV UNITS ACROSS THE TERRITORY



NEW POLICE STATIONS IN PALMERSTON AND NIGHTCLIFF



STRONGER POWERS TO TACKLE ALCOHOL ABUSE



EXPANSION OF BODY WORN CAMERAS AND NEW SURVEILLANCE DRONES



BROUGHT BACK SCHOOL BASED CONSTABLES



A NEW FORENSICS LAB FOR FASTER TESTING



14 NEW POLICE STINGER VEHICLES



# TACKLING YOUTH CRIME

The Territory Government is working to break the cycle of youth crime.

- Targeted programs to address problem behaviour.
- Tough consequences when a crime is committed.
- Community work and boot camps.
- Making families of youth offenders more accountable.

# STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY

Ensuring our police have the best resources possible to ensure safer communities

- Regular recruitment programs to maintain record police levels.
- Increased well-being support for police.
- Increased resources like CCTV and remote infrastructure.

# CLEAR AND IMMEDIATE

# CONSEQUENCES

## COMMUNITY WORK

- Giving Police and Courts more consequence options for youth offending.
- Offenders will participate in community work programs such as cleaning graffiti, clearing weeds, land care and voluntary work with clubs and charities.
- Programs will be run through Council, local businesses and community organisations.

## TOUGHER BAIL AND MONITORING CONDITIONS

- Increased resourcing to Police and Youth Justice Officers to ensure bail conditions are being complied with by young offenders and their guardians.
- Expansion of Alcohol and Other Drug testing to ensure compliance of bail conditions.
- Imposed bail conditions will also be made public where possible.

## TARGETING RINGLEADERS

- New laws to be introduced immediately to target adults who recruit youths to commit criminal acts.
- It will be an offence, punishable by a maximum of 10 years for a person over the age of 18 to recruit a person under the age of 18 to commit a criminal offence, including but not limited to unlawful entry and stealing.

# FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY

- Reinstate and strengthen Family Responsibility Agreements and Orders after they were scrapped by the CLP Government.
- Family Responsibility Agreements and Orders were an effective option for the Youth Justice System and Court to involve families in stopping offending behaviour and taking responsibility.
- Government will strengthen family responsibility by building on the successful reforms already in place, including Youth Outreach Engagement Officers and Victim Offender Conferencing.
- Agreements and orders can be issued for families of children who do not attend school and engage in criminal activity and families of children who frequently come to police and other agencies' attention.
- Agreements and orders can also be used in conjunction with the Back on Track program which targets children aged 8-13 years old and at risk of entering the justice system.

## **Agreements or Orders can be made for a family to:**

- Undertake up to 12 months of intensive support services including counselling, financial planning, education and training, and alcohol and other drug counselling.
- Participate in family conferencing to stop offending and on-country residential programs.

# STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF VICTIMS

- Requiring youth to participate in Victim Offender Conferencing as an evidence based program that reduces youth re-offending, along with support for victims of their crime.
- Increase funding for immediate financial relief for victims such as clean-up and re-securing of premises and vehicles and security assessments.
- Establish local Community Accountability Boards comprised of local businesses, elders and community members to have their say on the accountability of youth offenders in the community to ensure Government is attuned to community expectations.

# GETTING YOUTH BACK ON TRACK

- Continue the successful Back on Track programs that tackle youth offending and repeat offending.
- Three more youth boot and work camps to commence across the Territory in 2020 and 2021.
- Continuation of youth after-hour programs and services in regional centres.
- Ongoing rehabilitation, behavioural and educational programs for youth offenders.
- Tailored programs for young people aged 8 - 13 years old and who are at risk of entering the justice system.

# **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- Maintain additional Police delivered through this term of government with regular recruitment programs.
- Expansion of the Territory CCTV network with a focus on suburban shops and high use public places.
- Additional full-time CCTV monitoring staff.
- Expansion of the School Based Policing program.

# **PENALTIES FOR PROPERTY CRIME**

- Review of penalties for all property related offences including but not limited to, unlawful entry and unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

# **SUPPORTING OUR POLICE OFFICERS**

- Deeming PTSD a recognised disease in legislation to ensure earlier and easier access to treatment for our police and other emergency workers.
- Continuation of on-the-spot fines for spitting or coughing on a police officer.
- Look to make the removal of an officer's firearm an indictable offence.
- Increased well-being support services for police officers and their families.

# REMOTE POLICING

- Additional Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALO) and Aboriginal Community Police Officers (ACPO) to be trained and deployed in remote communities.
- Agreed Community Safety Action Plans for every major remote community as part of Local Decision Making.
- Development of an infrastructure plan for remote police stations and temporary stations.
- Continued lobbying of the Federal Government to continue their funding for remote police post 2022.

# SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Establishment of a new Emergency Operations Centre headquarters.
- Development of a 10 year plan for regionally based cyclone shelters in coastal locations.
- An annual infrastructure allocation for new equipment, trucks and upgrades.