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LNP WILL SUPPORT SAFER & CLEANER COMMUNITIES

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, said a new LNP Government would support programs to ensure local communities were safer and cleaner for families across the state, by boosting community crime prevention programs and stepping up the fight to control graffiti vandalism.

Mr Cripps said the LNP was determined to fight crime not only through tougher sentencing and better policing, but also through positive community partnerships and by getting serious about the reckless disregard graffiti vandals have for public and private property.

“A new LNP Government would revitalise community-based crime prevention by boosting support to the *Neighbourhood Watch* and *Crime Stoppers* programs. These programs have unfortunately been neglected by the Bligh Labor Government” said Mr Cripps.

“The LNP has committed to providing an additional \$1 million a year to *Neighbourhood Watch* and *Crime Stoppers* to boost these community initiatives. Locals have a wealth of knowledge in their local area and it’s vital they work with local police to report crime” he said.

“Our *Safer Streets Crime Action Plan* also has long-term strategies to deal with the cause and effect of graffiti crime. The LNP will ensure all graffiti offenders clean up their mess and raise the maximum penalty for graffiti crime from five to seven years” said Mr Cripps.

“The LNP will also establish *GraffitiSTOP*, a hotline to report graffiti, and require public utilities to remove reported graffiti within seven days of it being reported. We will also help local councils with rapid graffiti removal, by providing an additional \$2 million a year” he said.

Mr Cripps said together, these initiatives represented an additional \$12 million over four years under a new LNP Government to deliver safer, cleaner neighbourhoods to Queensland families and local communities, which had been abandoned by Labor.

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