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LNP SERIOUS ABOUT TACKLING CRIME

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, says a new LNP Government is ready to tackle the growing issue of crime in local communities through a comprehensive package of additional resources for crime prevention and policing and stronger penalties for offenders.

Mr Cripps said the LNP had already outlined its policy to increase the non-parole period for murder from 15 to 20 years imprisonment, the non-parole period for multiple murders from 20 to 30 years and to increase penalties for those who assault police in the line of duty.

“In addition, the LNP has announced it will ensure high risk sex offenders on supervision orders are tracked by GPS devices and that a hardline approach will be taken with drug traffickers and drug dealers who target children, with tougher sentences” said Mr Cripps.

“The LNP will also introduce tough new unexplained wealth and drug trafficker declarations to target the ill-gotten gains of drug criminals and introduce the toughest anti-hooping laws in the country, involving clamping, forfeiting and crushing offenders’ vehicles” he said.

“In terms of police numbers, the LNP will invest \$275 million to recruit an additional 1100 new police to boost the fight against crime and transitioning up to 200 existing police from behind office desks back to the front line, to make our communities safer” said Mr Cripps.

“In terms of support, the LNP has announced an additional \$750,000 over three years for the Women's Legal Service to assist women suffering from violence and abuse and an extra \$1 million per year each for Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch programs” he said.

Mr Cripps said the LNP would also tackle the scourge of graffiti, requiring offenders to remove graffiti and strengthen the maximum penalty of all graffiti crime from 5 to 7 years, establish a graffiti hotline and help councils to remove graffiti with additional funding.

“The LNP has also announced its plans to invest \$3.5 million to extend the roles of Justices of the Peace (Magistrate Court) to reduce court backlogs. Additional training will also be provided to JP’s who provide a critical service to local communities” said Mr Cripps.

“The law and order package outlined by the LNP is comprehensive and responds to pressing issues facing our local communities that Labor has allowed to get out of control over the last 20 years. A new LNP Government will tackle these serious issues” he said.

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