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LIFE SHOULD MEAN LIFE

The Territory Opposition has re-affirmed its election policy that convicted murders should be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

The Labor Government’s legislative change to provide parole for convicted murderers has created the current shambles.

"I will be introducing a Bill into Parliament to ensure convicted murders are sentenced to life in prison without parole," says Terry Mills, Leader of the Opposition.

"Murder takes away life and murderers should be punished by imprisonment for the term of their natural life.

“Anything less than a life sentence for murder diminishes the value our society places on protecting the innocent.

“The sole proviso in the Country Liberals policy is that a convicted murderer can apply to Cabinet for release under special licence.

“The special licence provision exists for exceptional circumstances and it would be only be granted on very rare occasions.

“An offender may be rehabilitated, indeed even forgiven, but the consequences of their actions remain unchanged.

“It is the consequences of those actions that must be the primary focus of the law.

“A full life sentence for murder is both a demonstration to our society of the value of life and a fitting consequence for murder.”

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