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John Elferink
Minister for Correctional Services

**Improving law and order on a national front**

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Attorney-General John Elferink will attend the first ever Law, Crime and Community Safety Council meeting (LCCSC) in Melbourne today.

Attorneys-General and Justice, Police, and Emergency Management Ministers from across the country will meet at the forum to discuss important law and order issues affecting all jurisdictions.

“The Council will focus on tackling organised and serious crime in the community and explore a strategic national approach to minimise the threat,” Mr Elferink said.

“We must establish a coordinated approach to stamp out organised crime and prevent those individuals involved from profiteering and causing harm. However, any plans moving forward should not diminish the Northern Territory’s capacity to police itself.”

Agenda items also for discussion include fines collection, establishing a national response to match-fixing in sport, and legal assistance reforms.

The Council will also explore emergency management matters and a national strategy for disaster resilience.

LCCSC was established to replace the Standing Council of Law and Justice and the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management following the Council of Australian Government’s decision to replace 22 Ministerial councils with eight.

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