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NIGHTCLIFF RESIDENTS WANT ACTIVE POLICE STATION

Member for Nightcliff, Natasha Fyles, said the local community is concerned with the effect of the closure of the Nightcliff Police Station on antisocial behaviour and crime in the community.

"The Nightcliff community wants an active police station in their community," Ms Fyles said.

"The CLP Government has taken away the Nightcliff Police beat and has shut down the local police station.

"Antisocial behaviour and crime are an issue in our community and the CLP Government is failing to address these issues.

"Since the CLP won Government assault has risen 12.5 per cent, domestic violence has gone up 33.5 per cent, alcohol related violence has increased by 18 per cent and sexual assault is up by 13.6 per cent across Darwin.

"The CLP Government has clearly broken their promise to reduce crime by 10 per cent per year."

Ms Fyles said that the CLP Government is trying using Police officers as bouncers at the front of bottleshops in an attempt to bring down the escalating crime statistics.

"The Chief Minister is using police as bouncers at the front of bottle shops to remedy his flawed alcohol policies," Ms Fyles said.

"This is an expensive exercise that sadly puts their political priority on lowering crime statistics ahead of letting police getting on with the job of policing.

"The CLP Government cut $12 million from the community policing budget, broke their promise of adding an additional 120 officers to the force and failed to deliver a police call centre to Alice Springs.

"Violent crime against the person he person is still above levels when the BDR was in effect.

"Territorians want real action on the issue of crime and law and order.

"The Chief Minister needs to put political gain aside and put in place effective policies that don't take police off the streets."

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