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LABOR TO BUILD NEW POLICE STATION IN PALMERSTON

Labor Leader Michael Gunner today announced that, if elected, a Labor Government will increase police presence in Palmerston by building a new central Police station in suburban Palmerston.

“Palmerston is the Territory’s second largest city. It has extensive suburbs and now is the time for it to have a focussed police presence in the suburbs, like Casuarina does,” Mr Gunner said.

“This is recognition of the size and maturity of Palmerston City.

“Labor will transfer the main operations of the current Palmerston Police station to the new centre leaving a police shop front and Police Beat focussed on the CBD.

“The CBD will have a police shop front and a permanent police beat. Police will be able to operate more effectively from a central suburban location that needs to be both a patrol centre and an improved base for operations.

“This new police station will provide a strong and visible presence in the suburbs at a time when anti-social behaviour has been on the rise in Palmerston.

“The building will cost $15 million and will be a 24 hour, round the clock police presence in Palmerston’s suburbs.

“Labor is also committed to delivering additional police - a promise the CLP have unashamedly broken.

“We will put the infrastructure in place to build a stronger police presence in Palmerston.

“Labor’s additional measures to address anti-social behaviour will also include the re-introduction of the Banned Drinkers Register.

“Combined with Labor’s focus on addressing the underlying causes of crime through our early childhood and education polices, Labor is building a strong long term response to crime and anti-social behaviour in the Territory.”

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