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FUNDING KEY TO STOPPING DOG ATTACKS
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The Labor Government should review funding arrangements to local shires for dog management after the coroner’s report into separate dog attacks at the Hidden Valley town camp in 2008.

Shadow Local Government Minister, Willem Westra van Holthe, said Labor must act on the coroner’s call for increased funding for dog management.

"There certainly appears to have been an anecdotal increase in the number of dog attacks in communities and town camps in recent years," Mr Westra van Holthe said.

"The incidents at Hidden Valley were appalling and should never be allowed to happen again.

"Earlier this month, a woman said she was repeatedly attacked by packs of dogs on her way to work in Maningrida.

"The priority should be public safety – and funding levels should reflect that."

While local government has carriage over dog management, the Labor Government should examine whether shires are adequately funded to keep the community safe from packs of savage dogs.

"It doesn't matter whether the funding comes from the Commonwealth or Territory governments, as long as wild dogs are no longer able to terrorise innocent people on communities," he said.

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