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FIRED UP OVER CRIMES

The recent spate of wildfires around Alice Springs are another symptom of a community that is losing a battle on crime, and an indication of the defiance that some members of the community show towards the law, says Shadow Minister for Central Australia, Matt Conlan.

“It is tragic that livelihoods are being put at stake, with pastoral stations bearing the brunt of a wave of crime emanating through the region,” Mr Conlan said.

“There are reports of walls of fire 20 feet high, of animals burnt cruelly and cattle having to be put down, all as a consequence of the low acts of a group of fire-bugs in the community.

“Criminal elements seem to be taking delight at causing distress and destruction and it just has to stop.

“As a result of pressure from the Country Liberals, arson laws have been toughened in the Territory, including bushfires, but there also needs to be action, not just words, to stop the attacks.

“The owners and operators of Numery, Yamba and Bond Springs stations are suffering because of criminal actions.

“It is appropriate that the Alice Springs summer of crime taskforce track down these arsonists too, and bring them to justice.”

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