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REAL ACTION ON CRIME

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The Country Liberals Cabinet has resolved to continue their fight against crime in Alice Springs by committing to base an Assistant Police Commissioner in Central Australia says Shadow Minister for Central Australia, Matt Conlan.

“In previous announcements on the status of the Police Force in the Northern Territory and the summer of crime taskforce in Alice Springs the Country Liberals made a commitment for a thorough audit of existing police resources,” Mr Conlan said.

“I am pleased to advise Territorians that at our Shadow Cabinet meeting in Wadeye held this week the Country Liberals resolved to include an Assistant Police Commissioner position in the allocation of additional crime fighting resources for Alice Springs.”

“It’s important that crime response and crime prevention are driven by the top level, and that in the case of Alice Springs these decisions can be made with the determination and authority of a senior officer directly engaged in the local community.

“In any other jurisdiction the size of a town like Alice Springs would not normally be the base for such a senior position but considering the unique law and order issues faced it is highly appropriate.

“Alice Springs is the capital of the outback, servicing many remote towns and communities across the border to Western Australia and South Australia and it is important that we base one of the most senior ranking police officers in the town.

“This position will also be a great training ground for our locally grown officers that aspire to the top job of Commissioner.”

“Our commitment builds on the recognition that Alice Springs should be resourced properly, and that extends as far as additional police at the top and on the front line, including the re-establishment of local communications to deal with the obvious problems that have been seen answering 000 and 131 444 emergency calls.

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