The Country Liberals will bring in tough new laws, so your neighbourhoods and parks will be safe once again.

If people break the law they will be prosecuted and sentenced according to the expectations of law abiding Territorians.

Drunks, thugs and troublemakers will not be tolerated.

**Key points:**

» Strong new laws to protect Territory families
» Safe, clean parks and neighbourhoods
» Security upgrades for the vulnerable
» Remove the drunks

**Fighting back**

Drunks on our streets and anti-social behaviour in our parks and public areas will not be tolerated.

Problem drinkers will be forced into rehabilitation and given a real chance to get their lives back on track.

Young offenders will be dealt with fairly but firmly, so it is made very clear that a life of crime has no future.

**Tougher sentences for assault**

You are more likely to be assaulted in the Territory than anywhere else in the country.

The Country Liberals will amend the Sentencing Act to establish new and meaningful minimum sentencing guidelines for offences involving assault.

**Protecting Family Environments**

Territory families are staying away from suburban parks and playgrounds because they are often littered with rubbish or defaced by graffiti vandals.

These same parks are often used at night by drunks and gangs of youths, and fights and excessive noise is common place.

The Country Liberals will employ the use of mobile CCTV cameras to target trouble spots and identify offenders.
The Country Liberals will also support local Councils and establish a $1 million Family Environment fund to help councils clean up our parks and make them safe.

This will be done in consultation with the councils and can also include security lighting if needed.

**Safe Homes**

Families in private residences who are victims of violent break-ins and don’t feel safe in their own homes can apply to have added security measures installed.

The Safe Homes policy will help families stay safe in their homes by strengthening doors, installing house alarms and security lights, fitting deadlocks, repairing broken windows and doorframes, and installing silent monitored alarms that, when activated, lead to the Police Communications Centre.

This will be done by providing additional financial support to Victims of Crime.

**The Country Liberals will:**

» Provide security improvements for the homes of families who have been assaulted during a break-in.
Overview

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Our Policy – Key Points:

» Mandatory rehabilitation for problem drunks
» Night Safe Strategy for children
» Protecting our family environments

Mandatory rehabilitation

Territorians expect safe streets, to walk in the park without being abused, to not have their businesses or houses defaced, and they deserve to get it.

Drunks will be taken off the streets and forced to undertake rehabilitation before being released back into the community.

Anyone taken into protective custody, 3 times within 6 months, for being drunk will be given a compulsory court order.

Such orders could include requiring attendance at a program, an order to return to a community, or even jail time to sober up and get treatment.

If the drunks breach the control order – then they are forced into mandatory rehabilitation.

The Country Liberals will:

» Force problem drunks into mandatory rehabilitation and end Labor’s ‘revolving door’ policy
Night Safe Strategy

The Country Liberals will introduce a Night Safe Strategy for children who are in harm’s way or in danger of being so.

It is unacceptable for children to be roaming the streets late at night unsupervised.

Night Safe is a caring and responsible program that aims to protect children but also act as a strong deterrent to wayward children heading on the wrong side of the law.

The program will be run by the newly established unit that also looks after the School Based Constables scheme and will work with government and non-government agencies to ensure the welfare of children.

The Country Liberals will:

» Introduce a Night Safe Strategy to look after children at risk

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Our Policy – Key Points:

» Tougher sentences for violent crimes
» Tougher bail for repeat offenders
» Tougher sentences for assault

You are more likely to be assaulted in the Territory than anywhere else in the country.

The Country Liberals will amend the Sentencing Act to establish new and meaningful minimum sentencing guidelines for offences involving assault.

Sentencing should not only punish the offender, but provide protection for the community from further criminal acts.

Courts have to reflect the wishes and expectations of the community – as too often violent offenders are allowed back on the streets through the bail process or by receiving a suspended sentence.

People convicted of serious assault will not be eligible for a suspended sentence, and genuine jail time will be imposed for repeat offenders as follows:

» Where the second offence is any assault, a minimum sentence of one month.
» Where the second offence is an aggravated assault, a minimum sentence of three months.
» Where the second offence causes serious harm, a minimum sentence of one year.

The Country Liberals will:

» Introduce tougher sentences for violent assaults

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**Tougher bail**

The Country Liberals will make it harder for criminals to get bail and will toughen the penalty for offenders who breach their bail conditions.

Those accused of serious crimes that attract the possibility of jail time will find that the presumption of bail has shifted in favour of public safety.

This is the case now in regards to violent assaults, though we have all seen offenders given bail, under conditions such as; having to stay with a relative or something similar.

Currently, the presumption against Bail is reserved for murder, treason, serious sexual offences and a serious violence offence if the person is on bail from another serious assault and if they have been found guilty of a previous serious offence.

The Country Liberals will toughen the Bail Act to include any crime that poses a risk to the general public.

This will include home invasions, house breaks, motor vehicle theft, arson and fraud.

**The Country Liberals will:**

» Make it harder for criminals to get bail
Overview

The Northern Territory has the highest rate of incarceration in prison in the country.

The Territory’s rate of re-offending is also the highest in the country – as much as 70 per cent of the Territory’s prisoners are repeat offenders.

The Henderson Government’s answer to this problem is to build a half a billion dollar prison, which will end up costing $1.8 Billion when lease payments are included.

This is a monument to Labor’s failure to tackle law and order.

Under the Country Liberals, people who break the law will be prosecuted and sentenced according to the expectations of law abiding Territorians.

Young offenders will be dealt with fairly but firmly, so it is made very clear that a life of crime has no future.

Our Policy – Key Points:

» Build two rehabilitation facilities; one in Katherine, the second in Central Australia *(Refer to Mandatory Alcohol Rehabilitation Policy)*

» Support the principles of a boot camp for general prisoners, where the emphasis is on work, not play

» Support the existing Barkly work camp

» Develop work skills for inmates

» Introduce a ‘work not play’ policy for juvenile offenders in Don Dale.

The Country Liberals will take action to reform the prison system in the Territory.

Fundamental to this is the principle that jails should be used to educate and train people for a job.

Problem drunks will be forced into mandatory rehabilitation.
The Country Liberals will:

» Build two rehabilitation facilities for problem drunks
» Reform the prison system to get prisoners trained and ready for work

Boot camps for juvenile offenders

The Country Liberals support the principle of “boot camps” as part of a plan to stop juvenile offenders before they become serious criminals.

Boot camp programs remove young people from their usual environment, challenge their established behaviour patterns, place them under physical and emotional pressure and give them a sense of achievement when they complete the programs.

Short-term skills based camps would be used as an early intervention measure for minor offenders, with longer and physically and mentally demanding camps aimed at turning around 12-18 year olds.

Don Dale Correctional Facility will no longer be an easy option where offenders play video games – the emphasis will be on work, not play.

The Country Liberals will:

» Support boot camps for juvenile offenders
» Introduce work based programs at Don Dale