Minister for Children and Families, Robyn Lambley, has ruled out the introduction of a blanket curfew for Alice Springs, saying a multi-pronged approach is the most effective and preferred way to manage law and order issues in the Town.

“Debate on a curfew in Alice Springs has recently been driven by sections within the Town Council and representatives from a small number of Non Government Organisations,” Mrs Lambley said.

“I have been on the record many times stating a short term curfew for children would only be considered as a last resort in the face of unabated anti-social behaviour and crime.

“Since the disastrous summer of 2010-11, when the former Labor Government was forced to finally address the Town’s law and order crisis, services have been better resourced to address the problem of unsupervised children on the streets at night.

“A temporary curfew would only be introduced in a crisis situation to ensure the safety of children and the broader community.

“A blanket curfew for children in Alice Springs would be extremely resource intensive, difficult to manage and, for the most part, unnecessary.”

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