Crime crackdown delivers results

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In the two years since the Country Liberals formed Government, property crime has been slashed by 18 per cent Territory-wide.

“My Government’s tough approach to law and order has seen home break-ins across the Territory drop by a staggering 30 per cent,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“Commercial break-ins and property damage are also down 21 per cent in September 2014 compared to the same time two years ago. This is an amazing turn-around and should make Territorians feel safer in their homes.

“Our Police are cracking down on recidivist property offenders and it’s delivering results, ensuring that those who commit crime are held accountable.”

In a spectacular turnaround, total property offences decreased in every region across the Territory in the two years from September 2012 to September 2014.

- Darwin **down** 19 per cent
- Palmerston **down** 13 per cent
- Alice Springs **down** 28 per cent
- Katherine **down** 0.2 per cent
- Tennant Creek **down** 38 per cent
- Nhulunbuy **down** 19 per cent
- NT Balance **down** 6 per cent

There’s also been similar success in tackling alcohol-related violence right across the Territory since our full suite of alcohol measures came into effect at the start of the year.
Alcohol-related assaults are down 18 per cent Territory-wide for the period January-September 2014, compared with the same months in 2013. Alcohol-related assaults are also down 19 per cent in Katherine, down 31 per cent in Alice Springs and down by half in Tennant Creek,” Attorney-General John Elferink said.

“Our policies are protecting women and children from alcohol-fuelled violence by targeting individuals with a drinking problem in our community.”

This reduction in crime is reflected in figures from the court system.

“For the first time in more than a decade, the number of lodgements at Northern Territory Magistrates Courts has declined, dropping 4.6 per cent in 2013-14 compared to the previous financial year,” Mr Elferink said.

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