CLP Can’t Be Trusted to Reduce Crime in the NT

Shadow Attorney General, Lynne Walker, said that police data proves that the CLP can’t be trusted to reduce crime in the Territory and have broken their election promise to reduce crime by 10 per cent per year.

During the 2012 Territory Election, the CLP Promised to reduce crime by 10 per cent per year, but the Territory’s overall crime stats shows that, not only has the Giles CLP Government failed to achieve their target, the overall crime is higher now than it was when they took Government in 2012.

"We will reduce crime by 10% per year.”— CLP Election Pledge during 2012 Territory Election.

The CLP have failed on their commitment by 37% - which also means that overall, crime in the Territory has increased by 7% since they took office.

The Territory’s Chief Justice has called on the government to appoint a seventh Supreme Court Judge after a 35 per cent increase in criminal cases.

"A significant portion of the criminal activity arises out of the abuse of alcohol leading to acts of violence,”
Chief Justice Trevor Riley, 2 November 2015.

“A Territory Labor Government will return to evidence and consultation based policy to reduce crime and we will restore the discretion for police to make decisions about the best use of their resources to fight crime. We will not make 180 degree decisions just because another party instigated a policy,” Ms Walker said.

“Territory Labor believes it is up to the police, not government, to decide how they use their resources but it is paramount that our police are supported – that’s why Territory Labor will reinstate the Banned Drinker’s Register (BDR).

“Temporary Beat Locations (TBLs) were introduced by the former Labor Government, and a future Labor Government will reinstate our police with the powers to manage TBL’s as they see fit.

“The BDR was developed in consultation with and publicly supported by the health and alcohol sector, including the AHA, Responsible Drinkers Lobby, NT Council of Social Services, Aboriginal Medical Services, Amity, FORWAARD, People’s Alcohol Action Coalition, and NT Police.”

"Police did see it as one of the most powerful tools if not the most powerful tool available to police to actually deal with the source problem of antisocial behaviour and the violence that was occurring in the community.”
Then Assistant Commissioner of Police, October 2011.

“The BDR already effectively exists in Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek, Groote Eylandt, and the recent Alcohol Management plan in Alice Springs which called for a point of sale intervention (POSI) is essentially a BDR. The BDR can only be effective if it is territory wide, otherwise it simply pushes the problem to other areas.

“A Territory Labor Government will reintroduce the BDR but we are willing to work with the CLP right now to help re-introduce it before the election.”

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