CLP are failing our police and our community

Territory Labor Leader and Shadow Police Minister, Michael Gunner, said today that the CLP have not only failed to keep their promise of 120 extra police within three years, but the numbers are actually going backwards.

“This government’s three and a half years of chaos, infighting and broken promises has seen them to fail Territorians on tackling anti-social behaviour,” Mr Gunner said.

The Police Association President and CEO, Paul McCue, said today on local radio that the police numbers are less than they were three years ago.

*Obviously we look at last year’s annual report which was out quite late in the year I might add. You look at the numbers in there and in black and white; the numbers are less than they were three years ago so for us that’s a significant concern. I think we’ve had since October last year some 35 resignations and retirements and I would think we’re not even keeping up with that attrition and that’s a significant concern for us because it not only impacts immediately it impacts in the long term to address things like anti-social behaviour.*

- Paul McCue – NT Police Association President and CEO, Mix 104.9 16 March 2016

“Not only have the CLP already failed to deliver on their election promise of 120 extra police within three years, but they’ve failed to do any real work to attract more police.

“As a result, police resources are stretched and the CLP have no plans to fix it.

“The CLP also promised to open the Nightcliff Police Station and make it operational 24/7 but once again, the CLP have failed to deliver on this key election promise to Territorians.

“Only Labor has a plan to tackle anti-social behaviour by properly resourcing our Police force and reintroducing the Banned Drinker’s Register which provided a point of sale intervention of alcohol for problem drinkers across the entire Territory.

“Police said that the Banned Drinker’s Register was the best tool they had at fighting alcohol related violence and crime.”

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