New Palmerston Police Station planned

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A re-elected Country Liberals Government will deliver a new police operations facility in Palmerston to service the Northern Territory’s fastest-growing city and the rural area.

Chief Minister and Minister for Police, Adam Giles, visited the existing police station on Monday, which opened in 1997 when Palmerston was a much smaller community.

“Palmerston has grown and policing needs have increased over time,” Mr Giles said.

“The police station here serves nearly 13 per cent of the Northern Territory’s population. Facilities are out of date and need to meet the demands of a growing population.”

Mr Giles said the Government has been in discussions with the police executive, developing plans for well over 18 months, and will now consult with local police and residents about the design and functionality of a new station and where it should be located.

“We’re determined to get it right and build a state-of-the-art facility that will service the needs of Palmerston and the Darwin rural area for generations to come,” he said.

“The Country Liberals will deliver a fully functional police operational complex, including a watch house, to maximise police time on the beat.

“Palmerston police work hard every day to keep the streets safe and they deserve the best-possible resources.”

Mr Giles said police also need to be supported with strong legislation and the Labor Party’s opposition to bail amendment changes show that Labor is soft on crime.

“We all want young people to have a chance in life, but if they muck up more than once they should accept the consequences,” he said.

“The Government believes there should be electronic monitoring if repeat property crime offenders are released on bail.

“Labor says it’s okay for kids to keep committing crimes indefinitely.”

Member for Drysdale and Country Liberals candidate for Spillett, Lia Finocchiaro, welcomed the Government’s commitment to Palmerston.
“Fighting crime is about having a series of tools in the tool box,” she said.

“By giving hard-working Palmerston police a full-service operational precinct, coupled with our plans to introduce tougher conditions for repeat offenders, shows we are delivering on the expectation the community has of us.

“At the end of the day, the people of Palmerston have voiced loudly and clearly through their local members that they want Palmerston police to be supported with state-of-the-art facilities, tougher laws, and more police. Today we deliver on that expectation.”

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