RESIDENTS CALL TO ALARM
Peter Styles MLA

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In light of recent tragic arson events I am more certain that the Territory Labor government needs to get proactive in its approach to community policing said the Member for Sanderson, Peter Styles.

“Some key issues that came out of Monday’s meeting of concerned Leanyer residents were the need for a more visible police presence in the area and the provision of community support to deal with anti-social and gang behavior” Mr Styles said.

“Problems with laneways and people travelling through the suburbs on foot late at night continue to be an issue of concern across the Northern suburbs”

“The residents have also made public comments on the need for smoke alarms to be installed in homes.

“In regards to laws around smoke alarms, the Country Liberals introduced legislation to the Territory Parliament during the November sittings to make it a requirement for all dwellings to be fitted with smoke alarms

“It would pass into law recommendations made by the Coroner in 2008 that all pre-1997 houses and units be brought up to the national standard in relation to the installation of smoke alarms,

“I reiterate my call on the Territory Labor Government MLA’s and the Independents to support the legislation.

“With regard to the presence of police to deter anti-social behavior, it is apparent that government is failing in address the problem of lawlessness across the Northern Suburbs.

“Even community supported groups like Neighborhood Watch are under pressure. The opportunities for residents to come together to stand against criminals has been curtailed by governments inattention to that program and its failure to provide meaningful support.

“The community is crying out for tough action on street crime and the Henderson Labor Government is failing to deliver.

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