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Proposed changes to the Bail Act provide a telling insight into the Henderson Government’s definition of ‘tough on crime’.

"The Government is proposing that if you are arrested on their new crime of ‘breach of Bail’, that you will be granted Bail," says Shadow Attorney General, John Elferink.

"This strange twist shows that while Labor pretends to take a tough line with criminals, in fact it intends to release the very people it is pretending to be tough on."

"There is a presumption in favour of Bail for the vast majority of offences in the Territory, and the new offence of Breach of Bail will be no exception."

"If the Government wants Bail agreements to mean anything to the people who enter into them, they should enforce the agreements people make to appear in court."

"All too often Bail agreements are set aside by courts when Bailees are arrested."

"This is in spite of the fact that they have promised to pay money if they don’t appear. If you enforce these agreements, people will take them seriously."

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