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**TOYNE TO FIX CRIMES COMPENSATION MESS**

Shadow Attorney-General, Jodeen Carney, says that Peter Toyne has conceded the mess he made of crimes compensation reform over 2 years ago and is expected to announce changes soon.

Ms. Carney previously argued that changes to the costs lawyers could claim created a denial of access to justice for victims of crime.

“"It was not cost-effective for lawyers, which meant that fewer of them worked in the area, and it was harder for victims to make claims. Many law firms in Alice Springs and Darwin simply stopped doing the work”, she said.

"I have raised these concerns in Parliament on a number of occasions, as well as at the Estimates Committee hearing last year, but the Attorney-General refused to listen”, she said.

Ms Carney said she wrote to the Law Society in “an act of desperation” in November last year, because she was aware of victims missing out. “Lawyers also contacted the Attorney-General expressing their concern”, she said.

"Peter Toyne claims to be supportive of victims of crime, but actions speak louder than words. He created a mess, refused my calls to fix it, and now, in an election year, will concede defeat and fix this stuff up”, she said.

*Letter to Law Society attached.*