

A **fresh** opportunity for Canberra

A Canberra Liberals Government will:

Make our city safer



Every Canberran deserves to feel safe on the streets and in their own home.

But the Labor/Greens government has let us down.

Anti-police bias and misplaced spending priorities have seen fewer resources being devoted to tackling crime, reducing recidivism, and boosting public safety.

We now have the lowest spending on police services, and the lowest number of police, per person than any other jurisdiction in Australia.

Fewer resources for crime prevention and the decriminalisation of hard drugs

has led to the worst clearance rates for property crime, and the lowest police satisfaction rating in the nation.

Labor just does not care. They talk about 'social justice', but where is the real justice for victims of crime?

They have a 'revolving door' approach to bail laws, which doesn't protect our community, and a tolerance towards crime which only hurts ordinary, law-abiding people.

The Canberra Liberals' policy prioritises community safety brings our laws back in line with community expectations.

KEY MEASURES:

- ✔ Fix the bail laws to protect frontline workers
- ✔ Crack down on dangerous driving
- ✔ Electronic monitoring of serious offenders
- ✔ Tougher penalties for 'coward punch' attacks
- ✔ More action on knife crime
- ✔ 'No body, no parole' laws for convicted murderers
- ✔ Re-criminalise hard drugs
- ✔ Consorting laws to break up criminal gangs
- ✔ 200 extra police by 2028
- ✔ New and upgraded police stations
- ✔ A new offence for breaching bail conditions
- ✔ Keep the age of criminal responsibility at 12 years



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Upholding justice and promoting community safety is at the heart of good government. Yet the ACT justice system is falling apart. We have among the worst recidivism rates in the country and people feel unsafe on our streets and in our homes.

The problem lies with a Labor/Greens government which is too interested in the rights of criminals, rather than helping their victims and working to stop crime in the first place.

Our policies will recriminalise hard drugs like 'Ice' and Heroin. This is to help ensure that addicts get the treatment that they need, and that the violence experienced by frontline health and emergency service workers is reduced. Cannabis will, however, remain decriminalised.

Moreover, we will amend the bail laws to ensure that those people who do threaten and attack frontline emergency service workers will have a harder time getting bail. Criminals who have shown they pose a significant threat to the community should not get a soft deal on bail applications.

Did you know that the ACT is the only Australian jurisdiction which does not monitor serious offenders out on bail by using electronic ankle bracelets? We will change that. Being on bail is a privilege, not a right, and serious offenders must be monitored.

And we will introduce a specific offence for breaching bail conditions. Under Labor/Greens, the only bail offence is failing to turn up for court – it does not encompass other areas such as breaching court-orders regarding contacts, use of a motor vehicle, curfews, or locations.

We are going to maintain the age of criminal responsibility at 12, so that teen offenders who know what they are doing are sentenced appropriately. Our 'hooning' laws have been inadequately enforced, and we need greater penalties for dangerous and culpable driving.

We will bring in one-punch laws, like those found in NSW, to crack down on the spate of anti-social behaviour in our city centres. A standalone criminal offence for 'coward punches' will deter criminal behaviour and appropriately punish dangerous attacks.

Families of those murdered seek closure for their loss, and so we will be introducing 'no body, no parole' laws. Murderers will be ineligible for parole or early release if they refuse to assist police in searching for the bodies of their victims.

We will finally get tough on outlaw bikies and other criminal gangs which currently operate in the ACT with impunity, by introducing anti-consorting laws. And we will tackle the scourge of knife crime on our street by implementing the findings of the 'Jack's Law' inquiry.

The Canberra Liberals' \$60 million Make Our City Safer policy package will re-prioritise community safety for all Canberrans, by boosting our police force, building a stronger justice system, and bringing our laws back into line with community expectations.



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