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McCarthy calls on government to muscle up to crime and look after victims

Daniel McCarthy KAP candidate for Leichhardt is calling on the Federal government to immediately set up an authority and a fund to compensate victims of crime.

Clearly we can't rely on the weak State Labor government to address the issue so the Feds must step up to the plate. Property crime is rising in many regional cities due to a number of factors. So far this year there has been 167 cars stolen in Cairns.

"Growing our economy with industry enabling infrastructure will certainly help but at no point should the victims of crime be the ones left to carry the burden of debt from bad and criminal behaviour while a government fails to subdue it" says McCarthy.

All too often we see the most vulnerable members of our community suffer great financial and emotional losses due to the selfish and criminal actions of others.

Many elderly people have had their cars stolen, often they can't afford to insure them and many simply can't afford to replace them if stolen or damaged.

Unfortunately in many instances the offenders get what seems like a slap on the wrist and the victims of the crimes, are left to wear the consequences and financial loss rather than the perpetrators.

I want to see an authority and a fund set up to compensate victims of crime. If your vehicle is stolen or your house broken into and burgled you shouldn't be the one left out of pocket.

Under the model I'm calling for, the government will compensate the victims and the perpetrator will be in debt to the Authority for the amount of compensation paid to the victim. The perpetrator will then have to pay off that debt through community service.

They can work off their bad deeds and poor choices by doing things around the community to benefit others. This will surely keep these people busy and reduce the re offending rate.

This will also put more pressure on government to better resource our police to be even more effective with their work and reduce the crime rate further.

When people get away with crime simply because police resources are stretched too far or the possible penalties are so weak, why would offenders think twice before they act?

KAP's Relocation Sentencing policy for youth offenders is a vital ingredient to straightening out the wayward youth. The only hope a lot of these kids have is to have someone redirect them and teach them the life skills to change course towards future.

Together these initiative will go a long way to reduce crime across the community and break the cycle.

"The system has been broken for too long. It's time we made significant changes in order to get much better results" says McCarthy.

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