



POLICE AND CORRECTIONS POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

Police and Correctional Officers put themselves in danger every day to keep our communities safe.

While politicians talk tough on crime, frontline officers are well below authorised strength, are being stretched, assaulted, buried in paperwork and abandoned by governments more interested in legislative illusions.

Our police deserve to be on the streets fighting crime not trapped behind desks filling out forms.

Our Correctional Officers walk into violent and dangerous prisons every day, often outnumbered, under-protected and without the same legal protections given to other frontline emergency workers.

Regional communities are sick of rising crime, weak sentencing and governments failing to properly support the men and women standing between law-abiding Australians and chaos.

We believe NSW must stop taking frontline officers for granted and start backing them with stronger laws, proper staffing, better protections and real support.

Backing Police and Correctional Officers means backing safer communities.



OUR ACTION PLAN

Put More Police Back on the Frontline

- Launch a major frontline policing recruitment drive to increase the number of operational police deployed into regional communities, high-crime areas and frontline response units.
- Legislate minimum frontline staffing targets to stop police being stripped from local communities through endless restructures and Sydney-centric resource allocation.
- Ban non-essential police restructures and amalgamations that remove officers from operational duties and bury them in administrative work.
- Force the NSW Government to return police to frontline policing roles by civilianising unnecessary administrative positions currently consuming sworn officer resources.
- Expand police station staffing in regional NSW by introducing targeted incentives, accommodation support and retention payments for officers serving in country communities.

Back Police With Stronger Protections

- Strengthen assault laws by introducing tougher mandatory penalties for attacks on Police officers, Correctional Officers and other frontline emergency workers.
- Legislate automatic blue ribbon insurance coverage protections for all serving NSW Police Officers regardless of age, rank or years of service.
- Expand presumptive workers compensation protections for police



OUR ACTION PLAN - Continued

suffering job-related PTSD, trauma injuries and long-term psychological harm caused by frontline service.

- Establish a dedicated Police Mental Health and Trauma Recovery Program providing confidential counselling, rehabilitation and long-term mental health support for frontline officers and their families.

Recognise Correctional Officers As Frontline Emergency Workers

- Introduce legislation formally recognising Correctional Officers as emergency services workers under NSW workers compensation laws.
- Force Corrective Services NSW to meet mandatory officer-to-inmate staffing ratios to reduce assaults, workplace injuries and dangerous staffing shortages inside prisons.
- Expand frontline safety equipment, tactical response capability and protective infrastructure inside correctional facilities to better protect officers from violent inmates and organised prison violence.
- Require Corrective Services NSW to publicly report assault rates, staffing shortages and prison safety incidents to expose the growing pressure being placed on frontline officers.

Restore Law and Order

- Transfer full responsibility for prisoner transport operations to Justice NSW to stop frontline police being pulled off the streets to move prisoners between courts and correctional facilities.
- Legislate mandatory judicial conduct reviews for magistrates and judges



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who repeatedly release serious repeat offenders on bail who immediately reoffend,

- Establish a Rural Crime and Community Safety Taskforce deploying additional police resources into regional areas experiencing rising theft, youth crime, farm crime and violent offending.
- Legislate stronger sentencing laws for repeat violent offenders, assaults on emergency workers and serious crimes involving weapons, organised gangs and drug trafficking.
- Expand specialist police units targeting organised crime, rural theft syndicates, drug manufacturing operations and repeat violent offenders terrorising regional communities.
- Force the NSW Government to publicly release regional crime statistics, police staffing levels and response time data so communities can see where law and order is collapsing.
- Properly resource the TOU to respond quickly and specifically to terrorist events.

Support Officers Beyond The Job

- Create a Police and Emergency Services Transition Program providing education, retraining and career support for officers completing long-term frontline service.
- Expand financial counselling, family support services and rehabilitation programs for injured Police and Correctional Officers transitioning out of operational duties.



OUR ACTION PLAN - Continued

- Legislate stronger employment protections for injured frontline officers to stop experienced personnel being discarded after suffering service-related injuries.
- Guarantee long-term government support for the families of police and Correctional Officers seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.