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Crime must mean consequences

Community and police reports indicate that 18 cars were broken in to in broad daylight yesterday (Monday), combined with theft at three 'park and ride' Inpex worker carparks and a crime wave in Palmerston on the weekend reinforce crime is out of control.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Member for Spillett, Lia Finocchiaro said that crime is a problem that continues to frustrate Territorians.

“Despite the best work of our police officers, we have an ongoing, and seemingly worsening crime epidemic occurring in the Northern Territory.

“Territorians do not feel safe and businesses already struggling in the current economy are victim time and time again. Damages in the thousands of dollars threaten to shut down small business.

“Territorians talk to me about consequences, they feel the Labor Government simply isn't doing enough to address offending today.

“I'd like to see solutions that involve parents and carers of the perpetrators required to front court when youth offenders continually break the law.

“I would also like to see offenders sentenced to constructive, practical programs that require them to learn a skill and repay their debt to society. There has to be real and meaningful consequences to actions.

“This is not a problem that should involve only police,” said Ms Finocchiaro.

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