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## **Labor handcuffs Police**

The Labor government has handcuffed the Territory's hardworking Police Force at a time of unprecedented crime and community safety concerns.

The Territory Labor government has got its priorities all wrong.

The Territory's police need support, Territorians need to feel safe and not be subject to political waffle and cover up about savings and efficiencies.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said the police should be sufficiently resourced to do their job whether in towns or remote communities.

"Territorians rely on our police, and their fellow frontline workers, to keep the rest of us safe.

"It is simply not acceptable to cut the budget, or the resources, including training, equipment and support to the Territory's cops.

"It is imperative the Northern Territory offers the incentives to attract and retain our police on the beat in the Territory.

"I call on the Minister for Police to apologise to the Territory's rank and file, and to reassure all Territorians that the Territory Police Force will not face cuts," said Mr Higgins.

**ENDS**

*The Leader of the Opposition will address representatives of the Territory's rank and file at this week's Northern Territory Police Association annual conference.*

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