



## **TAYLOR HITS THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL IN COWRA**

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume did not waste time in getting to Cowra after the federal election announcement. He spent last Friday afternoon meeting with Audrey Hardman OAM from Doctors for the Bush, and then spent the evening door-knocking several hundred homes with a local team.

Mr Taylor said that it didn't matter how many events, shows, dinners or street stalls politicians went to, there was nothing quite like doorknocking for getting to know a community.

Mr Taylor said that when he was speaking to Cowra residents it was no surprise to him that health services was a key issue raised by many people.

"Whether it was about the hospital generally, being able to treat more people in the oncology ward, or the broader rural doctor shortage, there are genuine concerns.

"The coalition is listening to these concerns and well aware of them. For rural communities I will be fighting hard to get more doctors to the bush, through incentives and customised training and selection of young doctors for rural practice."

Mr Taylor said the other issue which he talked to people about last week was the increasing problem of crime in Cowra:

"It is a great shame that the overwhelming majority of good people living in Cowra who have never committed crime in their life - let alone known anyone who has committed a crime - are having their town impacted by crime and vandalism. Whilst we do not have the problems of Western Sydney - and much of the crime is low-level - people who live in country towns like Cowra expect their towns to be crime free. Country people are entitled to expect that their towns should be free of crime.

"Under a program proposed by the federal coalition announced late last year Cowra Council will be able to apply for crime prevention infrastructure such as better lighting, CCTVs and mobile CCTVs, under a major plan announced by

the Federal Coalition late last year. The 'Safer Streets, Safer Communities' initiative, the Coalition will commit \$50 million in community grants to tackle crime at a grassroots level, hoping to fight incidences of vandalism, petty crime and alcohol fuelled violence.

"With the support of the community, I will fight hard to ensure Cowra can its share of the funding in this program."

Of the recent campaigning activity by the coalition Mr Taylor said:

"The coalition has recently released a publication called "Real Solutions" which sets out our priorities and directions. It demonstrates that we are doing the hard yards and a lot of thinking in opposition, and that we will be ready to govern come September. That document in no way contains all of the coalition's commitments by any stretch of the imagination. The coalition's full policy suite is still being worked on by completing detailed cost benefit analyses. Policy commitments, including commitments for Hume will be made during the course of the year, and in a timely and responsible way."

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