



SHADOW MINISTER IN GOULBURN ADDRESSING CRIME HOT SPOTS

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume yesterday hosted another coalition front bencher in Goulburn at a community forum. Michael Keenan, the Shadow Minister for Justice Customs and Border Protection, and was in Goulburn talking to locals about the coalition's *Safer Streets, Safer Communities* program – which aims to help communities address petty crime and anti-social behaviour.

The coalition's *Safer Streets, Safer Communities* program pledges \$50 million to local infrastructure such as better lighting, CCTV and mobile CCTV in places like Goulburn where petty crime and vandalism is increasingly a problem.

The forum was attended by a broad cross section of the Goulburn community, with local councilors, law enforcement personnel, community organisations and members of the public in attendance.

Angus Taylor, the Liberal candidate for Hume said:

“I welcome this commitment from the coalition.

“Yesterday's forum was notable for the diversity of people who attended. This reflects the fact that local crime and vandalism is a broad based community issue which can and should be tackled led from a number of avenues. The coalition's idea is that it will work co-operatively with local councils, businesses, community groups and law enforcement agencies to address petty crime in our communities. This should not be something which we just leave to the police to deal with.

“As a result of this forum Mayor Kettle and I will now work with the local business chamber and police to put together a proposal for funding CCTVs in the Goulburn CBD to go to the federal coalition.

“It was also great to get input from people like Simon Bennett (Anglicare) and Cheryl O'Donnell (Mission Australia) speaking about the importance of treating causes, not symptoms of petty crime. We need this kind of thinking to ensure that entire communities work to address these problems, which are very often caused by social difficulty and disadvantage.

“This is the kind of practical grass-roots initiative that people can expect to hear more about from the federal coalition.”

Mr Keenan’s portfolio includes Border Protection. Although the forum was principally designed to inform the community about the *Safer Streets, Safer Communities*, a number of participants quizzed Mr Keenan on the coalition’s policies in this area. Mr Taylor said:

“Yesterday, Mr Keenan emphasised the coalition’s clarity and consistency on border protection – in contrast to the changing, chaotic approach of the government. The coalition will seek to address the monumental damage done by Labor, and bring back consistency and clarity so that we can restore some much needed order to our borders.”

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