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Nightcliff cop shop – still no closer

Nightcliff is home to too many break ins, assaults and anti-social behaviour, so it's about time that the Labor Government made good on its election promise to deliver a 24/7 cop shop.

However, today's announcement is nothing more than an empty reiteration of Minister Fyles' unfulfilled 2016 election promise of a 24/7 police station for Nightcliff and a promise without detail to redevelop John Stokes Square. The former CLP government had a plan to redevelop John Stokes Square with new public housing properties that matched demand under its housing strategy.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Police, Lia Finocchiaro, said that the lack of detail in today's announcement, along with no fixed timeline render the announcement meaningless to Territorians who are tired of being victims of crime.

"The Opposition supports any measure to make Territorians safer, but today's announcement is merely aspirational and fails to state when the promised 24/7 police station in Nightcliff and redevelopment of John Stokes Square will be delivered.

"Today's announcement makes clear that there is no money for a new police station included in this year's budget, or for the additional police resources required to staff the new station.

"As with many announcements by the Labor government, the devil will be in the detail of this promise in relation to both the police facilities, additional police resources and the redevelopment of John Stokes Square.

"The most recent crime statistics (year end to 28 February 2018) saw a 17 per cent increase in alcohol related assaults in the Darwin Region, of which Nightcliff is included.

"We need look no further than Nightcliff to see that the Banned Drinker Register (BDR) has failed as a standalone tool to keep Territorians safe, why should we have to wait until 2020 or longer for action to be taken?" asked Ms Finocchiaro.

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