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Liberals to Recruit an Extra 1600 Police to Make the Yarra Valley Safer

Liberal Member for Evelyn Christine Fyffe says 1600 extra police across Victoria is great news for the Yarra Valley who will benefit from the largest increase in police numbers in a single term of Government ever, through the Liberal Nationals Coalition *Making Our Streets Safe Again* plan.

The plan will introduce 1600 extra frontline police at a cost of \$344 million, to be partly funded by slashing the Victorian Government advertising budget, which is being used for party political advertising by the Brumby Labor Government. The remainder will be drawn from the budget surplus.

“Funding for important community information programs, such as the TAC or water saving campaigns will not be affected,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“By increasing frontline police numbers across the Yarra Valley we will restore law and order and make our streets safer which is what all law abiding residents want,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“Since the start of 2009, I have had 5033 residents raise law and order as an issue of primary concern to them. That is a staggering number of people over such a small period of time,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“The State Government is trying desperately to convince us that crime is going down. However, when you break down the statistics, it is petty crime that is going down. Meanwhile violent crime has risen by 40 per cent and assaults have increased by 70 per cent state-wide,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“We deserve a peaceful and lawful society in which vulnerable people feel safe and our police feel supported. The Liberal National Coalition plan will achieve just that,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“Our plan will include a national recruitment drive for more police, extra funding for the Police Academy and additional money to equip the new recruits – at a cost of more than \$300m over four years. It is a worthwhile investment in our future that is long overdue,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“Recruiting extra police, getting rid of suspended sentences and home detention, toughening anti-hoon laws, banning the sale of knives to minors and tougher liquor licensing laws are just some of the ways we will tackle Victoria’s law and order problems in government,” Mrs Fyffe said.

“I am committed to making the Yarra Valley safer. To have people currently feeling afraid to leave their homes is simply not on,” Mrs Fyffe said.

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