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National Consensus on Need For More Cops

All major parties have responded to the Police Federation of Australia's plan for *Creating a Safer Australia*, with a national consensus emerging on the need to employ more police officers.

The Police Federation of Australia (PFA) today released the responses from the ALP, the Coalition and the Australian Greens - with all parties committing to increase police numbers and to support the PFA's proposed Australian Crime Prevention Program.

PFA CEO Mark Burgess said all parties were taking the needs and concerns of Australia's 54,000 Police Officers seriously.

"Police Officers are at the front-line of the fight against crime around Australia. That's why the views of Police Officers need to be taken seriously by political decision makers at both State and Federal level.

"We're pleased that all parties have responded constructively to our *Creating Safer Communities* plan. All parties have made significant commitments to improving community safety and to supporting police."

Mr Burgess said Police Officers would maintain the pressure on the incoming Government, whichever party wins the election on Saturday.

"Police Officers will be watching the incoming Government to make sure promises about staffing, resources and programs are all followed through."

Commitments from the major parties included:

ALP

- Increasing the superannuation guarantee from 9% to 12% - providing an extra \$73,870 over a working life for around 20,000 police officers;
- Increasing the number of Police Officers at airports from 380 to over 700;
- Establishing a new Asset Confiscation Taskforce; and
- Over \$50 million for crime prevention, safer suburbs and secure school grants from the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Coalition

- Six months' paid parental leave – to be paid at the female partner's salary;
- \$94 million to recruit 200 investigators from the States into the Australian Crime Commission to form a National Violent Gangs Squad;
- Establishment of a National Violent Gangs Database; and
- \$50 million to support the PFA's proposed Australian Crime Prevention Program.

Australian Greens

- Support increasing the superannuation guarantee to 12% and then to 15%;
- Support national harmonization of OH&S laws – but with the strongest laws, not a weak compromise; and
- Support the PFA's proposed Australian Crime Prevention Program; and
- Support fight against organised crime – but with protections for privacy and human rights.

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