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CRIME RATES SOAR IN KNOX AND MAROONDAH

The Andrew's Government are failing to keep Victorians safe. Latest statistics show crimes rates are up by 7.1% in Knox and 6.4% in Maroondah on the previous year.

In the Knox area alone there has been a 31.7% increase in robberies in the last year, Public nuisance offenders have increased by a staggering 78% and the dealing and manufacturing of drugs is up 27% and 25% respectively. Especially disturbing is that Stalking, harassment and threatening behaviour is up 20% in Knox.

In Maroondah Drug crimes have exploded with a 77% increase in use and possession, and a 176% increase in dealing and trafficking. Arson in Maroondah nearly doubled in the last 12 months, whilst sexual offences increased 23%.

Quotes attributable to Heidi Victoria MP:

"The increase in street level crime is a direct reflection on Daniel Andrews' cuts to police numbers."

"While Daniel Andrews' continues to close more Police stations the community are left vulnerable and unprotected and these recent statistics prove this."

"While the Premier continues to focus all his energy on bullying CFA volunteers, the community is left unsafe and our Police are left un-resourced and under staffed to do the valuable job they do"

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