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## **Crimes soars while police numbers dwindle in Knox and Maroondah**

Knox has seen an increase in crime by 12% while frontline police numbers have been cut by more than 8%. In Maroondah, crime is up by 11% and again police numbers have been slashed by 12%.

There are now 11 fewer first responders in Knox and 14 fewer in Maroondah since the Andrews Labor Government came to power in 2014.

This means less police are able to attend urgent call outs for home invasions, carjacking's and family violence. The flow on effect means some police stations are now closed or have reduced hours.

Is it only a matter of time before local police stations like Croydon are closed overnight or on weekends, leaving those in trouble to fend for themselves?

Daniel Andrews' cuts to front line police is now front and centre and attributable to the current record level of crime we are seeing reported daily.

Daniel Andrews is unable to hide from his poor decision to cut front line police and it is at the expense of all Victorians.

Hard working Victorians and our police deserve better.

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