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## **Media Release – Last calls for unity on crime**

Shadow Minister for Police, Dale Last MP, is calling on residents of Townsville to put aside decades of rivalry to help tackle Queensland’s youth crime crisis.

Last Friday Mr Last helped launch a petition on behalf of residents of Cairns but is now calling for a rare show of unity and asking residents of Townsville to add their support for the benefit of Townsville and the Far North.

“Just yesterday we saw another fatal incident involving an allegedly stolen vehicle being driven by a young person,” Mr Last said. “It’s time that Townsville and Cairns came together to stop these tragedies and to make both communities safer places for everyone.”

“The people of Townsville know all too well what the people of Cairns are going through when it comes to youth crime. There has always been tough competition between the two centres but neither centre wants the title of Queensland’s Youth Crime Capital.”

“I would hope that support from the petition from both centres would add even more weight to the calls for the Labor government to act.”

Mr Last said he was also calling on Townsville’s three Labor MP’s to show their support for the Labor Member for Cairns.

“In light of recent events, Michael Healy has publicly called for changes to the Youth Justice laws,” Mr Last said. “What we need for Townsville is to see the Members for Thuringowa, Mundingburra and Townsville do the same.”

“Surely that isn’t too much to ask.”

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