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Media Release – 1,700 victims... 0 recognition

Shadow Minister for Police and Corrective Services, Dale Last MP, has questioned how 1,700 victims of crime were effectively ignored during the Premier's visit to Townsville.

With the Premier in the city to attend State of Origin and an energy forum, Mr Last said the people of Townsville deserved some recognition of the recent "*crime free-for-all*" but heard nothing from Labor.

"While people of Townsville were locking themselves in their homes due to fear, senior Labor figures chose to pretend the problem doesn't exist," Mr Last said. "The Premier, and federal Labor leader Anthony Albanese, have shown they have absolutely no interest in crime or the victims of crime."

"When the Premier and Anthony Albanese have time to watch Origin from the comfort of a corporate box but don't have time for the 1,700 people who were victims of crime in Townsville last month, it becomes very obvious that they just don't get it."

Mr Last said that Labor leaders at both the state and federal level either didn't care or that the three Townsville-based Labor MP's had suffered a case of "*Brisbane silence*" despite being in Townsville.

"We all know that, when they are in Brisbane, the Townsville Labor MP's fail dismally when it comes to raising the crime issue," Mr Last said. "With the Premier and their federal leader in town, it looks like the three Labor MP's forgot where they were and showed their true approach to the crime epidemic."

"At a state level, Labor openly says, that crime is reducing. Meanwhile the federal Labor leader is more concerned about catching up with his mates than victims of crime."

"During May, property offences in Townsville increased by over 61%, the number of cars stolen more than doubled and, just this week, we had yet another stolen car involved in a fatal accident.

"Each and every day in May, there were 57 property or vehicle-related crimes so the situation is not getting better, it's getting worse. "Despite all that, Labor at the state and federal levels remained silent on crime."

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