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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Gunnedah Crime: 2023 a "volunteer" group organised them selves to patrol our own streets to identify any suspicious behavior which did notify police to get suspects away from houses and huge drop in reported crime rate fell considerably.

A group of identified individuals were taken into custody by an huge combined police task force and were taken away for a few months and during this time there was no reports of break ins theft.

Once they returned to our community, Woosh, the Crime rate takes off again only this time the committing individuals are viciously attacking families in their home with weapons, pipes machetes etc.

This time it is Out of Control and needs the law to help the community and the police force who are doing the right thing but are being badly let down by how it is administered. The judges are letting the communities down badly and it is now in untrustworthy state. Hence we will get more "volunteer" groups taking things into their own hands to help keep communities safe which is a very sad thing to get to this stage.

Hopefully they are sensible in what they do to assist Police so they be dealt with accordingly.

Enough of the protection individuals get under the guise of underage, mental condition broken home. These people have broken common written law and need to be dealt with accordingly. The parents of the underage participants of crime need to be held accountable for their children's actions and quickly.

It is sickening these issues have got this far. We cannot bog this issue down in State Parliament. Prompt action and the administering of the appropriate Laws & Sentences needs to happen The judges need to be held accountable for what is going on.

Gunnedah has had a new Police Station built a couple of years ago now with the caveat of being 24/7 but is taking a long time to get there. It needs staffing support as do a lot of other communities in this state

Moree & Walgett communities have been crying out for help for ages

We cannot this opportunity go to waste for the health and well-being of our communities is paramount for regional growth and prosperity. We cannot sacrifice our communities for the weak hand approach to crime anymore