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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES**

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6am 23 Nov 2022 was the morning we awoke to find our home had been broken into (while we slept) and all our keys stolen, our house ransacked and gone was my beautiful 2016 Nissan Patrol.

Gone are the days that we feel safe within our home - no longer do we just sleep, now we wake to every noise!! This is not fair!!

Knowing that someone was prowling around inside our home, while we slept, make me sick to my stomach.

We are hardworking members of our community who has saved our money for special things - like my vehicle. This vehicle has not been able to be replaced as this was the last one made - which is very upsetting.

To go to the site of where it was 'torched' was very upsetting.

I do have to say that the police were amazing but to be told that we were not the only family that had been affected that night was heart wrenching. Apparently there were three other family that had been subjected to the same fate as ours.

At the time when this happened, we were caring for our elderly mother with dementia and our disabled 64 year old brother. Both of whom were deeply distressed by the whole situation.

There was just not enough police in our community to keep everyone safe.





