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MEDIA RELEASE

Locals to lead Last's crime fight

Residents of the Burdekin district are being asked for their opinions on crime as the local member continues his push for increased Police resources in the Burdekin.

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, will today (Wednesday) launch a survey asking what affects the recent crime wave has had and what locals want to see done to address the issue.

"Every week I am hearing from the people of the Burdekin that crime is out of control and the problem is not going away so I will keep fighting," Mr Last said.

"As the local member my job is to listen to the issues that are affecting people and, for too long now, it has been crime, crime and more crime."

"The Minister and the Police Commissioner were here and they heard from locals but not everyone was able to attend and, to be blunt, there were a lot of questions and suggestions that didn't get heard."

"Regardless of whether people attended the Crime Forum or not, I want to hear their experiences and what they think needs to be done."

Although the primary goal is to provide more reasons for Police resources to increase in the district, Mr Last said the survey would also help him ensure his campaign was on the right track.

"At the forum Senior Police spoke about programs like Project Booyah and how effective they are," Mr Last said. "If the people of the Burdekin think those programs or other options will work then that is what I will focus on."

"This is an issue that is affecting the whole community and the community should have their say."

"The more people who take part the better chance we have of getting the resources we need to help people feel safe in our streets and in their homes."

A link to the survey will be available on Mr Last's Facebook page and website from noon today.

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