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MEDIA RELEASE

Police Minister Snubs Burdekin

Member for Burdekin Dale Last, has praised local Police for their efforts in addressing a crime spree and has also echoed suggestions that residents ensure their homes and vehicles are locked.

Mr Last's loudest call, however, was for the Police Minister to stop ignoring Burdekin residents

"It's now over two weeks since I wrote to the Minister and said come and listen to the people of the Burdekin," Mr Last said.

"We haven't even had a reply saying the Minister will check his diary... he is just treating the people of the Burdekin with utter contempt."

"It's this government that went soft on crime and it looks like they don't even have the decency to hear from victims here in the Burdekin."

"The invitation was for a mutually agreeable date and time so there is simply no excuse he can use not to come."

Mr Last said that, despite the Minister's silence, local Police were making an impact and deserved the community's support.

"Our local Police Officers are putting in a huge effort to catch these offenders and bring them to justice," he said.

"But it's government policy that determines what the Police officers can and can't do."

"Members of the community who are sick of the crime need to remember it's the current government who went soft on crime."

"Our local Police are left to try and clean up the government's mess and they are doing their best and deserve our thanks."

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