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Australian Federal Police Association

AFPA WELCOMES COMMITMENT FROM ALP REGARDING HOBART AIRPORT

This morning (Thursday, 18 April 2019) the Australian Labor Party announced the commitment to reestablish Australian Federal Police (AFP) officers back into Hobart Airport.

The Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) President Angela Smith said that this commitment is welcomed and hopefully the beginning of further funding commitments that support the AFP and its workforce, especially after the \$512 million commitment from the Liberal Party of Australia.

“This commitment goes towards the AFPA’s Operation Restore strategy of rebuilding the AFP’s funding base and police numbers to 2013 levels.

“The removal of AFP officers from Hobart Airport, as a result of Coalition budget cuts, went ahead despite objections from local MP’s, the Tasmanian Government, Tasmania Police, the AFPA and Police Association of Tasmania,” AFPA President Angela Smith said

The removal of AFP officers from Hobart Airport occurred in 2014 and saw the removal of 27 AFP officers after a \$22 million budget cut by the Coalition in the 2014-2015 budget.

“I don’t buy the argument that just because Hobart Airport isn’t designated an international airport that it doesn’t deserve the same level of protection and service offered to other major airports across Australia.

“Hobart Airport is the ninth busiest domestic passenger airport in Australia and it deserves to have an AFP presence,” AFPA President Angela Smith said.

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