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## **Australian Federal Police Association**

### **AFPA welcomes a new police station for the Molonglo Valley**

The Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) welcomes and applauds the Canberra Liberals' announcement of a new police station for the Molonglo Valley.

The AFPA is seeking five election commitments from all parties being:

- More police on patrol
- New ACT Policing facilities
- Tougher penalties for assaulting police officers
- Opposing the AFP wage freeze
- Permanent funding for the Police, Ambulance and Clinician Early Response (PACER) initiative

AFPA President Alex Caruana said that the commitment from the Canberra Liberals is another example of the Canberra Liberals' overall commitment towards ACT Policing, its members and the ACT community.

"Canberra is a growing territory and is rapidly expanding, so the commitment to a new police station in the Molonglo Valley is a smart way forward. By building a new police station now and allocating land, we envisage a well-designed, future-proof police station that could see an operational life of 30-plus years. We don't want a repeat of Gungahlin Police Station,

"This would also be a fantastic opportunity to seriously consider, via a feasibility study, a new Traffic Operations Centre to accompany the new station. Molonglo Valley is perfectly positioned in a geographical sense to allow for Traffic Operations members to move around Canberra quickly," Mr Caruana said.

The Canberra Liberals have commenced delivery on three of the five AFPA election commitments.

Mr Caruana said that the Canberra Liberals are well on the way to delivering a raft of outstanding commitments that will assist ACT Policing and the community.

"The Canberra Liberals' announcement of 130 new police officers, PACER funding and now a new station for the Molonglo Valley clearly shows that the Canberra Liberals have done



their homework and demonstrates a commitment towards community safety and ACT Policing.

“All of these commitments are very welcome, and I congratulate the Canberra Liberals,” Mr Caruana said.

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