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AFPA BACKS ACT GOVERNMENT GUNGAHLIN JESC FUNDING

The Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) welcomes the announcement from the ACT Government about planning and funding for the Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre (JESC) upgrade.

The ACT Government has committed more than \$12 million for upgrades to emergency service facilities, including refurbishing the Gungahlin JESC.

AFPA President Alex Caruana said that securing a dedicated and fit-for-purpose police station for Gungahlin remains a high priority for the Association and the Gungahlin community.

“This announcement by the Chief Minister is a step in the right direction, and we thank the Barr Government and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services Mick Gentleman.

“From a policing perspective, the Gungahlin JESC is well past its use-by date as a functional facility. It is a credit to the ACT Policing officers that work there that it still functions as an operational police station.

“We are yet to see the final details of what the refurbishment would look like, and we hope to work with ACT Policing, the ACT Emergency Services Agency and the ACT Government in improving the JESC for all first responders that work there,” Mr Caruana said.

The AFPA will continue to work towards a standalone, dedicated police station for Gungahlin and its community.

Mr Caruana said that the end game is for the Gungahlin community and ACT Policing officers to have a modern police station that caters for operational policing, victim support and welfare.

“We have been speaking with the government for a long time about the Gungahlin JESC, and we look forward to continuing to talk with Minister Gentleman and the ACT Government about the future for policing in the Gungahlin district,” Mr Caruana said.

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