

10 October 2022



AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE ASSOCIATION MEDIA RELEASE

MORE LIVES LOST ON CANBERRA ROADS

The Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) is calling on the ACT Government to “stand up and be leaders” in light of a motor vehicle collision that has left two teenagers dead.

AFPA President Alex Caruana said that the incident over the weekend was shocking and that his thoughts are with the families of the two teenagers who have had their life cut short in tragic circumstances.

“Our hearts go out to the families. Tragically, two young people have been killed in a collision that should never have happened.

“How many more people need to die before the Attorney-General and ACT Chief Minister actually start doing their job and protect Canberrans from recidivist offenders and people committing crimes while on bail, good behaviour orders, or intensive correction orders?” Mr Caruana said.

The AFPA is again calling on the ACT Attorney-General to implement an independent review of bail and sentencing in the ACT.

Mr Caruana said that the Attorney-General has continuously failed Canberra and Canberrans by not conducting a review — despite evidence being provided to him that the system wasn’t working.

“I’m angry and frustrated at the tokenism and gaslighting being employed by the Attorney-General as a shield from any oversight of his role.

“Firstly, and embarrassingly, he requested an internal study by his own department on bail and sentencing. Then he commits to a council with no terms of reference and, to be best of our knowledge, no public disclosure and no direction as to who will be appointed to it. For all we know, it will be fully stacked by people sympathetic to his cause — and with no representation from the community,” Mr Caruana said.

The AFPA will continue to push for an independent inquiry into bail and sentencing along with highlighting recidivist offending that places the community in jeopardy or dangerous situations.

For comments:

AFPA Media and Government Relations Manager Troy Roberts - (02) 6285 1677 –
troy.roberts@afpa.org.au