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SUPPORT NT POLICE BY TAKING OUR CASE TO CANBERRA, CHIEF MINISTER

A statement from Police Federation of Australia CEO Scott Weber APM

The Police Federation of Australia commends incoming Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro and the CLP on their election win on the weekend, and particularly for their commitment to making crime reduction and community safety a top priority for the new NT Government.

But you can't have strong, safe communities without strong, healthy police numbers.

Right now, NT Police have more than 200 unfilled positions due to unmet recruitment needs, record levels of crime, harm and violence in the community and lack of mental health and wellbeing support for members.

That's why the PFA is calling on Ms Finocchiaro to meet with her federal government counterparts as soon as possible, to insist they make two simple changes that will make a very big difference to the working conditions of our policemen and women.

We ask Ms Finocchiaro to urge the federal government to grant police officers the same additional tax and health concessions as frontline public health workers, ambulance officers and defence personnel, particularly:

- ***Fringe benefit tax (FBT) concessions reforms of up to \$17,000, in line with public hospital and ambulance service workers; and***
- ***Introduction of a Blue Card covering medical and allied health services, to match the concessions available to Australian Defence forces.***

NT Police are here to support and protect NT communities. But to do that, we need this new NT government to support and protect NT Police.

Our federal government has already introduced these concessions to support other frontline workers. It's only fair to support police officers in the same way.

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