



Petition

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I am a resident of the Northern Territory, and I have personally experienced the devastating effects of the escalating crime rates in our community. My property has been targeted, damaged, and my sense of security shattered. This is not an isolated incident – family members and friends are also grappling with frequent break-ins, property damage, and assaults. We are contemplating relocating interstate to escape this crime wave.

The situation is spiralling out of control across the NT with youth crime, property crime, and assault becoming increasingly common. Yet it seems that our pleas for help fall on deaf ears as we see no significant action from our government.

A recent victim whose home was broken into and robbed reportedly supplied CCTV evidence of their home invader as well as a positive ID by a long-term resident to the police who allegedly told them they could "Do Nothing" as the information was just "hear/say". Case closed, no investigation whatsoever; This is what we are dealing with. It's as if the criminals have the right to commit crimes but the victims have no rights at all.

According to data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), there has been a marked increase in victimisation rates for selected crimes in NT over recent years. The ABS reports that NT had the highest victimisation rate for robbery among all states and territories in 2019-2020.

This is unacceptable! Our community deserves better than living under constant fear for their safety and their properties. The government needs to take immediate action to combat this surge in criminal activity.

We urge you to join us by signing this petition demanding that the Northern Territory Government take decisive steps towards addressing these issues promptly – by implementing effective strategies aimed at reducing youth crime rates; enhancing law enforcement presence; improving community safety measures; investing more into education & social programs targeting at-risk youths; ensuring stricter penalties for repeat offenders; providing adequate support services for victims.

Your signature can make a difference – let's stand together against rising crime rates in NT!

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