



Petition

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Title	Seeking federal intervention to assist Alice Springs crime
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Presented by	Member for Blain
Referred to	Chief Minister
Assembly debate	If the Committee recommends the Petition be debated it will appear on the Notice Paper
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Response presented	

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Alice Springs, the wider Northern Territory, and its residents are enduring a crisis of safety and social stability, manifesting in frequent and escalating violence. The community, already fragile, is being torn apart by a cycle of crime that affects everyone—from young families to local business owners. People are living in a state of heightened fear, altering their daily routines to avoid becoming victims of the lawlessness that has gripped their town.

The fabric of Alice Springs and, by extension, the broader Northern Territory is at stake. If the current situation persists, the long-term implications are dire: economic decline as businesses fail or relocate, a tarnished national reputation, and a generation growing up in a culture of violence. Conversely, effective intervention could restore peace and security, rebuild community trust, and set a precedent for handling similar crises elsewhere in Australia.

The time for action is now. The recent chaos, particularly the violent events following a local teenager's funeral, underscores the urgent need for federal intervention. This petition, setup by the Independent Member for Blain Mark Turner MLA, following danger to his constituents in Alice for work, represents a collective call to our Northern Territory Federal Representatives to address this crisis in Parliament. Should they fail to act, Mark will escalate the matter within the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, urging the Chief Minister to formally request federal assistance. Immediate, decisive action is essential to safeguard the future of Alice Springs and ensure the well-being of its residents.

It may be the Australian Federal Police, Queensland Police or Western Australian Police but regardless of where the assistance comes from it needs to come from somewhere, and that place needs to be able to fill the leadership vacuum we're currently experiencing. This is not a political statement, it's a call for assistance.

Response