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New Police Station for West Gungahlin

Independent candidate for Yerrabi David Pollard has announced a major law and order commitment for West Gungahlin.

The undertaking is for a new standalone police station to be built in West Gungahlin, within the first 3 years of being elected.

The station will be located to improve response times for the suburbs Crace, Nicholls, Palmerston, Casey, Ngunnawal and Hall.

“These areas have been too far out of reach for hard-working members of ACT Policing to respond rapidly from the Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre,” Mr Pollard said.

“It is the nearest police station to those areas, and it was opened in the 90s when the population was a mere fraction of its current size. “Gungahlin’s population has tripled since then. The results of this under-investment in infrastructure are evident in the ACT Policing Crime Statistics¹.

“These suburbs are hurting. In an emergency - rapid response times can mean the difference between life and death, especially in domestic violence situations.”

The continued use of the combined services building has not kept up with the demands placed upon it.

“Having a police station close to these homes will make an enormous difference to the safety of our community,” Mr Pollard said.

“It will be both a deterrent to crime and a proper law and order response. Half measures like shared facilities do not meet the real need for police officers to take statements, interview multiple witnesses, and properly support victims.”

For more information, pictures, or to arrange an interview contact David Pollard on media@davidpollard.com.au

¹ <https://policenews.act.gov.au/crime-statistics-and-data/crime-statistics>