



**World-class Police Station delivered through Public Private Partnership**

Independent candidate for Yerrabi David Pollard has announced how he will fund a new Police station in Yerrabi without impacting rates.

A Public Private Partnership will be used to leverage the land value in Gungahlin to deliver Policing resources to the community.

As well as a purpose-built Police station, the development would deliver sorely needed office space and parking.

This approach will save Canberrans money and deliver better services to the people of Gungahlin.

“Yet again the Canberra Liberals have had half an idea, and yet again there is no confidence in the community that they can afford to deliver it,” said Mr Pollard.

“I am happy to see the Liberals agree that the Gungahlin Police Station is not fit for purpose, though I do not believe an upgrade is enough.

“A new station would be purpose-built to focus on proactive, community-oriented policing practices.

“Reactive policing is an important part of community safety too, and a new station will empower both styles.

“Especially given the current global climate, we should take this opportunity to ensure our Police can follow international best-practice for years to come.

“In this case, we will be seeking an integrated Police facility combined with parking and commercial office space.

“Community spaces shared by Police and the public – such as a café – will provide a soft introduction for people to engage with the Police.”

The existing Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre was designed over 2 decades ago and included a part-time Police station. The Gungahlin population was less than 25,000 and has now grown to triple that size. The Australian Federal Police Association say that the existing station is overcrowded and in desperate need of attention.

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The Canberra Liberals have come under fire for their approach to funding \$1 billion worth of election commitments, while also freezing rates. The Liberals claim that they can fund their commitments by bringing ‘Canberra refugees’ home from across the border, thereby returning their rates payments to the ACT coffers. Scrutiny on this claim shows the maths does not add up. Mr Pollard is looking for practical ways to save Canberrans money.

“A Public Private Partnership is an ideal procurement model to deliver world-class social infrastructure for Gungahlin,” Mr Pollard said. “The Canberra Liberals have been rightly criticised for not adequately detailing how they will fund their ‘Christmas in October’ election commitments.

“A private sector model could be used if it can be independently demonstrated that it will reduce cost to ratepayers.

“Rather than taking the whole term of government or longer to fix Policing resources in Gungahlin, the private sector can deliver the infrastructure at a lower cost and more timely than traditional government procurement.

“As with any project this size, it should be subject to a competitive tender to ensure the best financial outcome for Canberra.”

“There are growing calls world-wide for a move to community-oriented policing practices, and this is the perfect opportunity for Canberra to show the world how it is done” Mr Pollard said.

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