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CRIME GROUP LAUNCH “CONVOY AGAINST CRIME”

A local Crime and Justice Action Group has received approval from Queensland Police to organise a “Convoy Against Crime” rally through the streets of Cairns this coming Saturday, 24th October 2020 from Down Park, Edmonton to Munro Martin Park in the CBD.

Rally participants are invited to assemble in their vehicles at 9am at Down Park, on the corner of Barr Street and Thompson Road, Edmonton.

Queensland Police have granted permission for the vehicle rally to “hold a public assembly” from Down Park, along Thompson Road, the Bruce Highway and Mulgrave Road to Florence Street and the Sheridan Street intersection.

Police may regulate vehicle and pedestrian traffic, including diverting traffic or enacting road closures. Permission is also granted for a small gathering of participants at Munro Martin Park.

“We know from the Cairns City Council survey and our own research that crime is a serious concern for Cairns residents”, the CJAG Spokesperson Aaron McLeod said,

“Based on a recent Council survey, it is shocking to think that approximately 50 percent of Cairns residents feel safe at home,” Mr McLeod said.

Rally participants in their cars, trucks or motorbikes are authorised to sound their horns to acknowledge rally participants gathered at Munro Martin Park. Drivers must comply with road rules while moving between the start and finish of the rally.

COVID has forced the peaceful crime fighting group to limit community action. The group’s “peaceful protest at the courthouse” in April this year attracted over 800 registrations from Cairns residents fed up with crime. It was cancelled due to the global pandemic.

Robert Storer, Manoora resident and person in charge of the rally said, “Crime is still spiralling out of control. The ongoing restrictions of COVID is creating increased domestic violence, assaults, drug abuse and mental health concerns”.

The Convoy Against Crime idea aims to minimise the risks of COVID and people’s concerns around public gatherings, while helping the community to take action with their vehicles and voices, demonstrating a united message that any type of crime, or activist judges and crazy government policies are not welcome in the Far North.

CJAG is non-profit association engaged with community, advocating for victims of crime and promoting a non-partisan and apolitical crime prevention plan focused on 5 priority areas including parent empowerment and accountability.

Rally participants and volunteers can register their support at www.cjag.org.au.



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Press Conference:

12.00pm Tuesday 20th October, 2020

Munro Martin Park, Cairns City

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