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MEDIA RELEASE

NEW CRIME AND JUSTICE ACTION GROUP FORMED

A new Crime and Justice Action Group has been formed by residents and victims in Cairns in the shadows of the City's youth crime pandemic.

The CJAG is appealing to the Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk directly for immediate action by adopting a "zero-crime, or do the time" policy.

Local residents and members of the action group are taking their concerns and claims directly to the Member for Cairns, Michael Healy today (9am 4th March) in a closed-door meeting.

Victims who have joined the action group are hurting, frightened and constantly living in fear.

Local Bentley Park resident, Mitch Mawer said he is afraid someone will end up in a ditch, and kicked off plans for a peaceful protest in front of the courthouse.

Meanwhile, thousands of residents across Cairns are locking up and rising up because they have had enough. Even a burnt out police whistle-blower has made public claims that Cairns is "incredibly dangerous" and crime is "significantly under reported", laying the blame squarely on the Youth Justice Act, TropicNow reported.

The Far North Queensland-based grass roots action group intends to raise accountability with Mr Healy, and his colleagues the Honourable Curtis Pitt in Mulgrave, Craig Crawford in Barron River, and Ms Cynthia Lui in Cook, who are acting by association for their faceless political and corporate masters in Brisbane.

At today's meeting, CJAG intends to forgive Mr Healy for his choice last week to defend the weaponsided no incarceration laws. This law caused a 50 year old Edmonton woman to be raped in her own home by a youth offender, released by Labor's Youth Justice Act.

The group believes Mr. Healy is ignorant of the dangerous game he is playing with his politics being controlled 1600 kilometres away.

Mr Healy may claim no direct responsibility for the injuries and pain caused to rape victims. There is certainly an implied vicarious responsibility exists as the representative for the incumbent Labor party holding power, in the eyes of angry voters.

But now, CJAG and the Far North community want answers, and tangible and strategic commitments from all political parties, to deliver policies and laws that ensure the safety, security and prosperity of the community and economy.

Make no mistake, the residents are furious with what is behind the scenes in the Labor party, and other governments, that cause Mr Healy to meet with residents only after being contacted by constituents outside the FNQ region.

CJAG wants to know why Mr Healy and his government prefer to listen to voices in the South-east over local Far North Queenslanders' first?

Compassion, kindness, tough love and integrity, with a strong, united multicultural community focused on accountability, leadership, purpose and good faith is CJAG's mission.

The group hopes to connect all victims to assist in the healing, recovery and rejuvenation, and the misguided youth and adults committing crime, must sometimes face tough love, punishment, regret, reflection and healing, critical in the cycle of human growth and development.

Youth crime is central to the action group's developing priorities and charter. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders, leaders of immigrant groups, people with disabilities, grass roots health workers and youth and educational service providers in the community are invited to participate and connect with the ideas of the new action group.

Sensing a strong spirit of individual compassion, the group acknowledges the burden of leaders in government and corporations, the distress of current and retired district Judges, policemen, teachers, health workers and the community at large, who are suffering enormous pain and anxiety from decades of misguided government policies.

Alleged vigilante groups are being moved to take matters into their own hands, with over 6500 supporters already registered with an online group named the Cairns Regulars.

CJAG rejects violence and vigilante type behaviour.

Instead, "Register yourself, bring your sports club or church group to attend the peaceful courthouse protest and join the CJAG community, volunteer, lead a task group or gift vital funds, pray or meditate, but please do not promote or resort to any form of violence," Mr McLeod said.

"If its not youth crime, its suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, veterans abuse, declining education standards, etc.

For Mr Healy, the residents want an explanation for why the poorest and most vulnerable in our society are getting sicker?

"One elderly neighbour feels like she is living like a prisoner in her own home and doesn't want to be publicly identified," Mr McLeod said.

The CJAG has strong advocacy support, and quickly becoming well organised, in partnership with Boot Brisbane Inc. to promote the necessary administrative support and structure together with the Far North Qld Resident Crime and Community Group.

With a compassionate and disciplined approach, CJAG is aiming to put enormous pressure on the State government as it conducts regional Cabinet in Cairns in a few weeks.

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Mr Healy's seat of Cairns is in serious jeopardy at the State election on 31st October this year.

Residents will shortly be able to register their interest in joining the Crime and Justice Action Group at our website www.cjag.com.au which is currently being developed.

The Peaceful Protest at the Courthouse will be held on Saturday 18th April from 9am.

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Press Conference Time and Venue:

10am 4th July 2020

Outside the office of the Member for Cairns, Michael Healy, 50 Spence Street, Cairns