



# Crime & Safety

## Request of Government

We are seeking

- Increased police and Protective Services Officer resources across Knox and more local ‘community policing’ initiatives.



## Background

### Police funding

Community safety continues to be a significant concern across Knox, with many residents reporting a growing sense of unease due to the nature and severity of offences occurring within the municipality. Higher levels of crime continue to be experienced in Boronia, Rowville and Ferntree Gully, contributing to community concerns about safety in these areas.

Crimes involving serious harm, including serious assault, aggravated burglary, rape and common assault, continue to be disproportionately represented in family violence incidents, reinforcing the need for targeted prevention and intervention measures.

Additional funding for Victoria Police is needed to increase police visibility, particularly in identified hotspot locations and major shopping centres. Investment is also required to maintain police station operating hours and ensure accessible policing services for the Knox community. Both Rowville and Boronia police stations have recently had their hours reduced during the day and are closed overnight.

### Community Policing

Community policing strengthens bonds between law enforcement and residents by focusing on collaboration, trust-building, and proactive prevention rather than just a reactive response.

The Proactive Policing Unit, particularly in the Knox area, is needed to continue initiatives aimed at reducing crime in some of the highest incident types, such as retail theft and theft of and from a motor vehicle.

### Our proposed solution

Ongoing increased investment in police resourcing is required to extend the operating hours of police stations, strengthen police patrols and enhance community policing initiatives.

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