



Our Plan to keep Victorians safe.

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Victorians deserve to feel safe.

Safe in our homes, safe on our streets.

Victoria's crime rate has reached a 20 year high:

- a crime is committed every 50 seconds
- there is a theft from a retail store every 13 minutes
- there is a serious assault every 28 minutes
- every week there are 9 carjackings across Victoria
- there are 1,500 police vacancies
- more than 40 police stations have closed or have reduced hours.

These statistics aren't just numbers on a page.

Behind every crime is a victim who is left traumatised. Victorians are rightfully worried about their safety at home, businesses face increased break-ins and theft, and parents are anxious that they could be a victim of a carjacking with their children in the backseat.

Victorians expect criminals to face consequences.

Only by restoring community safety and breaking the cycle of crime can our community thrive once again.

Our Plan will deliver:

- ✔ More police on the beat
- ✔ More PSOs for community safety
- ✔ Stronger police pursuit powers
- ✔ Tougher bail and sentencing laws
- ✔ Targeted prevention and intervention programs.

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1. A Stronger Police Force

Our Plan to boost frontline safety will:

- Deliver 3,000 more police
- Reopen police stations and restore public access
- Put police back on the frontline

3,000 more police

- 1,500 filled vacancies, and funding for 1,500 additional officers
- Streamlined recruiting to reduce the time from job offer to appointment
- Expanded training to boost the pipeline of new officers
- Improving retention of current officers
- Attracting officers from other jurisdictions and overseas

Reopening police stations

- Reopening more than 40 police stations, closed or with reduced hours
- Greater access to policing services around the clock
- More visible law enforcement in communities
- More consistent protection



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2. Break Bail, Face Jail

Under the Liberals and Nationals' *Break Bail, Face Jail* plan, we will close loopholes, end exemptions, and restore real consequences for criminal behaviour. Bail laws will be strengthened to put victims ahead of criminals. If you break bail, you will face jail.

A Liberal Nationals Government will recommit to and strengthen our **Break Bail, Face Jail** policy by:

- Introducing a one-strike rule for the expanded list of 20 offences captured under our revised Adult Time for Adult Crime policy, so that repeat offending while on bail automatically results in refused bail for both youth and adult offenders.
- Uplifting bail applications for these 20 offences to the County Court, aligning bail decisions with where these matters are ultimately sentenced.
- Upgrading the breach of bail offence from Summary to Schedule 2 offences, requiring offenders to demonstrate compelling reasons to be granted bail.
- Removing the youth exemption for breach of bail conditions, so that these offences apply equally to youth offenders.



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3. Adult Crime, Adult Time

A Liberal and Nationals Government will ensure that serious and repeat youth offenders face consequences which match community expectations.

Our Adult Crime, Adult Time legislation will:

- **Expand adult sentencing provisions to cover a broader range of serious youth offences**, increasing the current list from 8 offences under Labor's Adult Time for Violent Crime to 20 in the first tranche, including:

Existing 8 offences:

- aggravated home invasion
- home invasion
- intentionally causing injury in circumstances of gross violence (including machete crime)
- recklessly causing injury in circumstances of gross violence (including machete crime)
- aggravated carjacking
- carjacking
- aggravated burglary (serious/repeated)
- armed robbery (serious/repeated).

Additional 12 offences, including:

- burglary
- serious assault
- causing serious injury
- manslaughter
- rape
- attempted rape
- attempted murder
- kidnapping
- robbery
- arson
- trafficking a large commercial quantity of drugs
- offences against children including; trafficking (causing a child under 18 to engage in commercial sexual activity).

A Liberal and Nationals Government will commit to a further staged expansion, where necessary, by progressively incorporating additional offences from the offences currently captured under effective Queensland legislation (where relevant to Victoria).

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4. More PSOs

A future Liberal and Nationals Government will restore safety across Victoria's public transport network.

Our Plan will:

- Recruit 200 additional PSOs
- Return PSOs to all 120 stations where they are planned to be removed
- Work with Victoria Police to deploy PSOs to high-risk shopping centres and precincts

We will be returning Protective Services Officers (PSOs) to local train stations.

Independent Crime Statistics Agency data shows crimes against people at train stations have risen by 74% between 2021 and 2025. Despite this, the current government plans to remove PSOs from 120 stations across Melbourne.

Our plan ensures a visible safety presence, reduces crime, and provides greater certainty and reassurance for commuters and local communities.

Victoria's retail crime crisis

Retail crime has exploded across Victoria, with more than 95,000 offences recorded in the past year and machete related violence has become disturbingly common in major shopping centres.

Shoppers are frightened and workers exposed. **The retail sector needs real protection, not excuses.**

PSO strike teams

PSO strike teams will patrol high-risk shopping centres and precincts, delivering a visible safety presence. An additional 200 PSOs will be empowered to detect and remove knives and machetes before they're used.

This plan guarantees no PSOs will be removed from train stations.

The strike teams will send a clear message to offenders: weapons, intimidation and violence will not be tolerated.

Stronger protections

Workplace Protection Orders (WPOs) will ban violent or abusive offenders from shops and shopping centres.

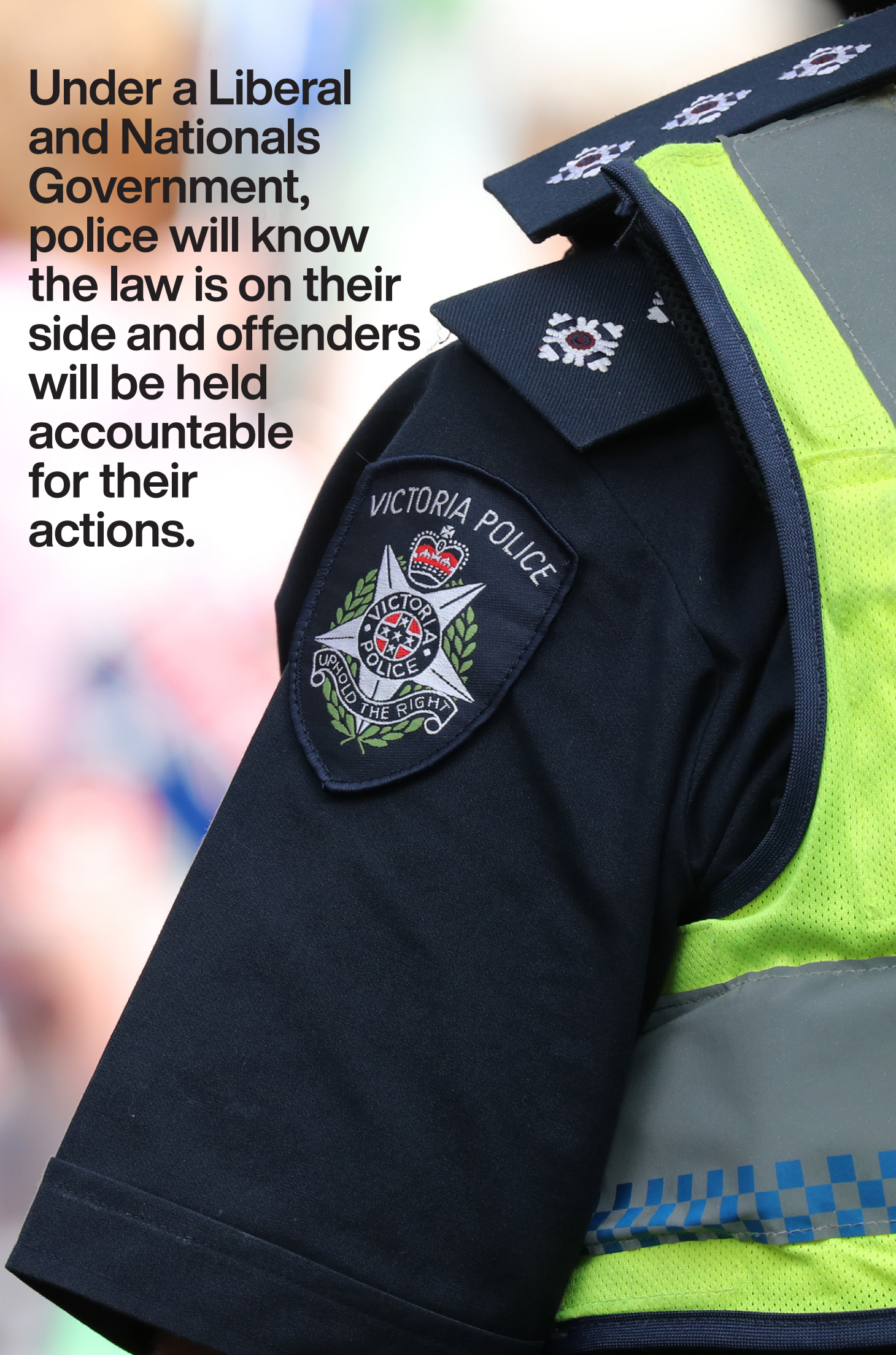
New offences will target assaults, threats and harassment of customer-facing workers, with penalties strengthened to match other states.

Staff will be able to report abuse, upload evidence and apply for WPOs directly through a new digital platform with Victoria Police.

The plan also includes tougher bail laws and programs to steer young people away from crime. **Retailers and workers have demanded action and this approach delivers stronger protections, faster justice and safer communities.**

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**Under a Liberal
and Nationals
Government,
police will know
the law is on their
side and offenders
will be held
accountable
for their
actions.**



5. Stronger Pursuit Laws for Police

Ensuring offenders are held responsible for their actions.

Police pursuits are a growing and dangerous problem. Increasing numbers of offenders are refusing to stop when directed by police, creating serious risks for officers, motorists and pedestrians.

The Liberals and Nationals Plan will:

- Create a new offence: initiating a police pursuit
- Establish a presumption of pursuit liability
- Strengthen legal protections for police
- Increase sentencing for pursuit related harm
- Ensure police maintain operational discretion
- Establish criminal liability for pursuit related collisions
- Allow for automatic vehicle forfeiture

Initiating a police pursuit

A new criminal offence will apply to drivers who:

- Fail to stop when directed by police, and
- Cause a police pursuit through their actions.

Establish a presumption of pursuit liability

Legislation will establish that the driver who initiates a pursuit is presumed responsible for the risks created. If a crash, injury or death occurs, the offender is legally responsible unless clear evidence shows otherwise.

Strengthen legal protections for police

Officers acting reasonably and within operational procedures will receive **enhanced legal protections**. **Responsibility for harm rests with the offender who initiated the pursuit.**

Increase sentencing for pursuit related harm

Courts will treat the following as major aggravating factors:

- Collisions involving police vehicles
- Collisions involving other road users
- Injury to police officers
- Injury to members of the public
- Damage to public or private property

Ensure police maintain operational discretion

Police will maintain operational discretion and decide when to initiate, continue or terminate pursuits based on public safety and operational policy.

Criminal liability for pursuit related collisions

Offenders may face serious charges if a collision occurs during a pursuit, including:

- Culpable Driving Causing Death
- Dangerous Driving Causing Death
- Dangerous Driving Causing Serious Injury
- Reckless Conduct Endangering Life
- Reckless Conduct Endangering Serious Injury

These charges may apply even if a police vehicle is involved, recognising that the offender created the dangerous circumstances.

Automatic vehicle forfeiture

Vehicles used to initiate a pursuit may be automatically forfeited upon conviction. If the vehicle is stolen, offenders may face additional penalties and compensation orders.

Courts will have expanded powers to permanently seize vehicles used by repeat offenders.

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Under Labor

Crime has continued to rise with 630,000 offences in 2025. **A crime is committed every 50 seconds** and a serious assault every half an hour.

Police numbers are down and not keeping pace with demand. In the four years (2020/21 – 2024/25), Victoria's population grew 8%, while police numbers fell 2.6%.

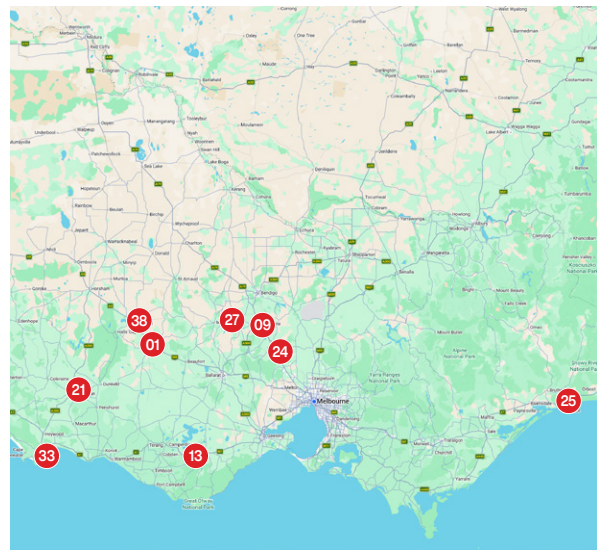
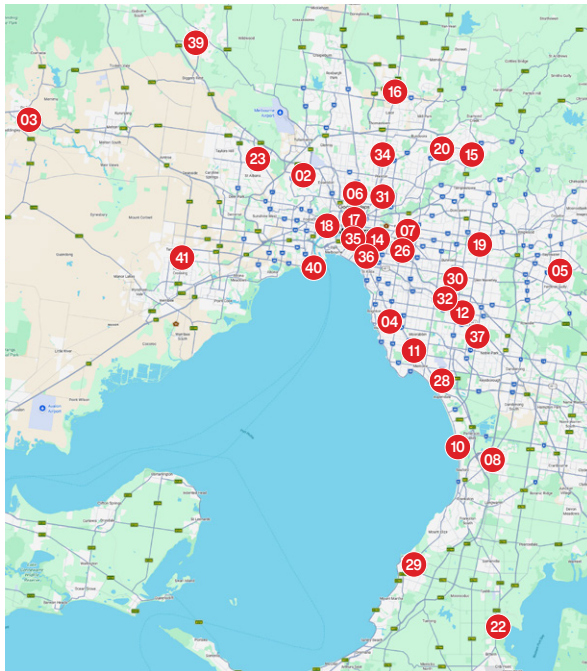
Administrative burdens and a lack of transparency are stopping officers spending more time on the frontline. Some are spending up to seven hours per shift on paperwork. IT systems are outdated and repetitive reporting reduces time for patrols.

More than 40 police stations have closed or have reduced hours. As of early 2026, only two CBD stations are open 24/7 and hours in regional areas are also down.

And Labor's solution:



41 police stations across Victoria are closed or operate with reduced hours



Under Labor, 41 police stations* are closed or operate on reduced hours. The cuts put local communities and victims at greater risk, when there's been a surge in crime, with a crime committed every 50 seconds in Victoria.

- 01. Ararat
- 02. Avondale Heights
- 03. Bacchus Marsh
- 04. Bayside
- 05. Boronia
- 06. Brunswick
- 07. Camberwell
- 08. Carrum Downs
- 09. Castlemaine
- 10. Chelsea
- 11. Cheltenham
- 12. Clayton
- 13. Colac
- 14. Collingwood
- 15. Eltham
- 16. Epping
- 17. Fitzroy
- 18. Flemington
- 19. Forest Hill
- 20. Greensborough
- 21. Hamilton

- 22. Hastings
- 23. Keilor Downs
- 24. Kyneton
- 25. Lakes Entrance
- 26. Malvern
- 27. Maryborough
- 28. Mordialloc
- 29. Mornington
- 30. Mount Waverley
- 31. Northcote
- 32. Oakleigh
- 33. Portland
- 34. Reservoir
- 35. Southbank
- 36. South Melbourne
- 37. Springvale
- 38. Stawell
- 39. Sunbury
- 40. Williamstown
- 41. Wyndham North

* data as at January 2026

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