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LNP committed to tackling Queensland's ice scourge

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- **LNP announces policy to help take ice off Queensland streets**
- **Nicholls LNP Government would implement five-point action plan focused on prevention measures and law and order**
- **LNP committed to tackling drug use and making Queensland safest place to live, work and raise a family**

Queensland communities will be made safer under a comprehensive LNP plan to tackle the state's ice epidemic.

Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls said an LNP Government would implement a five-point action plan to take ice off our streets through crime prevention, drug addiction services and strong enforcement.

"The LNP is committed to tackling drug use in communities, including the increasing use of ice, to help make Queensland the safest place to live, work and raise a family," Mr Nicholls said.

"Ice use can tear families apart and sadly it has increased in rural and remote communities in recent years, but the LNP has a plan to tackle the issue with a targeted and comprehensive strategy to complement the Federal Government's National Ice Action Plan."

Shadow Police Minister Tim Mander said the LNP had consulted widely with law enforcement and community representatives in developing the comprehensive policy.

"The LNP already has a solid track record on this issue, through law and order measures such as policing and tougher penalties for offenders, and addiction treatment services that work," Mr Mander said.

"An LNP Government would continue to work with these organisations at a local, state and national level to target Queensland's most vulnerable, such as males aged between 25 and 40 years and remote indigenous communities."

Crime Stoppers Queensland Chief Executive Officer Trevor O'Hara welcomed the LNP's funding commitment to help the organisation continue to target the supply of illegal drugs.

"Between March and June 2016 the Dob in a Dealer campaign attracted more than 2000 reports about ice dealers in Queensland, which has led to more than 185 arrests," Mr O'Hara said.

"The community has clearly demonstrated its desire to participate in reducing the impacts of ice and needs a strong plan to continue to battle both supply, demand and rehabilitation for the future."

The LNP's five-point plan to take ice off our streets includes:

1. **Dob in a dealer:** \$1 million to encourage the community to report any information to Crime Stoppers Queensland.
2. **Keeping bikie clubhouses closed:** only the LNP has the proven record of closing down criminal bikie gang clubhouses through its strong action to tackle criminal gangs.



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3. **Drug addiction services:** working with the federal government to deliver more treatment services, particularly in rural and regional Queensland, and targeted support through Queensland Health.
4. **Law enforcement co-operation:** ensuring our state and commonwealth law enforcement agencies share intelligence and resources to tackle ICE supply and distribution across Queensland.
5. **Increased prevention:** through community awareness programs targeting specific high-risk demographics.

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