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Media Release

Taking Ice Off Our Streets

In recent years, we've seen an alarming spike in the use of the drug ice in regional and remote communities across Queensland.

Anyone with a family member or loved one who is gripped by this devastating drug knows time is precious and a talkfest isn't going to cut it.

Despite this growing scourge, it has taken the Palaszczuk Labor Government two years to announce a plan to tackle ice.

Perhaps it's because they have had three police ministers in two years or simply because Anastacia Palaszczuk is a Premier reluctant to govern?

Today we learn their long-awaited plan is taking the form of another Labor talkfest – and one in 'draft' form at that.

If you're wondering why this was two years in the making, you're not the only one.

The fact is, the Federal Government already had a National Ice Summit and Taskforce that reported in 2015 and provided a 250-page roadmap.

The Taskforce made 38 recommendations and a National Ice Action Strategy was signed by state leaders, including Anastacia Palaszczuk at COAG in December 2015.

The homework has been done. All Anastacia Palaszczuk needed to do was put a plan into action – but instead she's put forward yet another half-cooked policy.

Worse still, Labor wound back the LNP's strong criminal gang laws, despite clear evidence that organised crime groups are entrenched in the methylamphetamine market in Queensland.

Unlike this do-nothing Government, the LNP has shown leadership.

Last year, we introduced a five-point action plan to take ice off our streets through crime prevention, drug addiction services and strong enforcement.

We don't need more drafts. We don't need more reviews. The LNP has a real plan to tackle supply, demand and rehabilitation because we don't want to see any more lives ruined by ice addiction.





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The real plan is here, Anastacia Palaszczuk. Let's just get on with it.

The LNP's five-point plan to tackle ice:

1. Dob in a dealer: \$1 million to encourage the community to report information to Crime Stoppers Queensland
2. Keeping bikie clubhouses closed: only the LNP has the proven track record of closing down criminal bikie gang clubhouses
3. Drug addiction services: working with the Federal Government to deliver additional treatment services, particularly for rural and remote Queensland communities and ensuring targeted support through Queensland Health initiatives
4. Law enforcement co-operation: ensuring our state and commonwealth law enforcement agencies work together and tackle ice supply and distribution across Queensland
5. Increased prevention: through community awareness programs targeting high-risk Queenslanders

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