



**Jason Wood MP**  
Federal Member for La Trobe

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Crime Forum for La Trobe

Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter-Terrorism, Michael Keenan MP and Federal Member for La Trobe, Jason Wood MP today held a Community Crime Forum with local neighbourhood watch groups and local residents to discuss crime and anti-social behaviour in the South-East.

Among issues raised at the Community Crime Forum were levels of police presence and activity, gang activity – including the Apex St Gang, the attitude towards high speed pursuit of criminals, concerns about home intrusions and the prevalence of the drug Ice in our community.

Mr Wood said the forum provided local residents with an opportunity to have their say on how crime is affecting their community.

“It was great to meet with members of the community and discuss their concerns about local crimes and issues of national security. We know that crime is a major concern for many residents in the La Trobe region.” Mr Wood said.

“Using input from the community, I hope to pursue ways of reducing crime in our community.”

“Today’s Community Crime Forum was a good opportunity to hear local residents and to get their advice on how they feel the issues in their community should be tackled,” Mr Keenan said.

“It is important that local residents feel safe. Police officers and Neighbourhood Watch groups work hard to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the local community.”

Jason Wood MP hosted the Community Crime Forum with Minister Keenan MP at the Old Cheese Factory in Berwick.