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MLA Wants Successful Graffiti Clean-up Program Expanded

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton welcomed the State Government's plans to expand the successful Graffiti Clean-up Pilot Program.

"I'm proud to be part of the Liberal-led State Government that has taken a strong approach towards graffiti vandals. I will be fighting for this program to be expanded into Riverton electorate," said Dr Nahan.

"Last year's Graffiti Clean-up Pilot Program involved about 80 juveniles cleaning an average of seven sites each, which enabled them to become aware of the difficulty and removal costs associated with graffiti vandalism."

"It is disappointing that people who do graffiti show a complete disregard for private and public property. Graffiti vandalism is a crime that costs the Western Australian community millions of dollars each year to clean up. It doesn't just damage public and private property - it also damages the community's sense of safety and security."

"Graffiti is an act of vandalism. Considerable research has shown that failure to adequately police low level, anti social behaviour like this can also result in increases of overall crime rates."

"There has to be a significant penalty imposed so that people understand that doing graffiti is not acceptable. I am pleased that the State Government has recognised the importance of this and has doubled the penalties for graffiti vandals to where offenders now face up to two years in jail or a \$24,000 fine."

"I encourage all residents to report graffiti to the Goodbye Graffiti hotline on 1800 44 22 55."

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