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COALITION GOVT TO RESTORE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ACCESS TO LOCAL CRIME STATS

A Liberal National Coalition Government will restore access by local Neighbourhood Watch groups to street-by-street crime statistics which has been cut off by the Brumby Government.

The Brumby Government has cut off access by Neighbourhood Watch groups to valuable local crime reports of street-by-street statistics on burglaries, car thefts, thefts from vehicles, vandalism and other crimes.

John Brumby can't be trusted on crime statistics – the Ombudsman found last year that Labor's statewide crime statistics were dodgy and now he is denying locals access to vital local crime statistics.

Denying access to street-by-street crime information is part of John Brumby's plan to hide the truth about the types of crime affecting communities.

Victorians are already suffering from record rates of violent crime and too few police on the streets.

Now John Brumby is trying to hide crime rates affecting local communities by ending access to street-by-street data which has previously been published in Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.

Locals will miss out on information on crime in their area because of Labor's refusal to provide local crime statistics.

There are not enough police to protect Victorians from violent crime, and now Labor wants to keep communities across Victoria in the dark by banning access to this vital local crime information.

There are 1,300 Neighbourhood Watch areas across Victoria, totalling more than 900,000 households with 2.8 million people (or around half Victoria's population) living in Neighbourhood Watch areas.

John Brumby has abandoned Neighbourhood Watch groups that are a vital part of local crime fighting and we will give them back crucial access to local crime information.