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MORE COURTS TO BACK LABOR'S TOUGHER BAIL LAWS

Labor is delivering tougher consequences for crime.

More offenders are being jailed and not bailed with bail refusals and revocations at record highs.

That's why the Labor Government has funded the expansion of Remote Custody Courts to Geelong, Broadmeadows, Dandenong and Ringwood.

RCCs hear bail applications and guilty plea matters entirely online, allowing offenders to appear directly from police custody or prison.

This speeds up proceedings, frees up physical courtrooms and gets matters before the courts sooner.

An additional Bail and Remand Court (BaRC) has also been established at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court.

The BaRC operates seven days a week until 9pm with increased capacity on Saturdays and public holidays.

This means people arrested after hours or on the weekend can be dealt with by the courts sooner.

The expansion is backed by seven additional magistrates announced late last year and more registry staff to ensure the courts can keep pace.

Labor has introduced the nation's toughest bail laws that put community safety first in addition to Adult Time for Violent Crime to make sure offenders face serious consequences.

There is more work to do but the latest crime data shows crime is falling thanks to Labor's tough laws with youth crime down six per cent.

Only Labor has new solutions to drive down crime and make life safer for Victorians.

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Sonya Kilkenny

"Victorians expect community safety to come first — that's exactly what we're delivering."

"Our tougher bail laws are working and we're backing our courts with more resources to make sure offenders are held to account sooner."