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NLC acknowledges appointment of new NT Police Commissioner

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The appointment of Martin Dole as the Northern Territory's new Police Commissioner has been welcomed by NLC Chair Matthew Ryan.

Speaking from Katherine yesterday, Mr Ryan acknowledged Commissioner Dole's long history working in remote policing.

"He understands the needs of our communities and has shown a willingness to address law and order. He's a community-minded person."

Earlier this year Mr Ryan met with the then acting commissioner to discuss policing in remote communities, and the return of youth activities such as blue-light discos.

Mr Ryan said the NLC welcomes the opportunity to work with Commissioner Dole to address policing issues and law and order in remote communities.

"We call on Commissioner Dole to commit to having a greater police presence throughout remote communities across the NT."

Mr Ryan stressed that rebuilding trust and confidence among Aboriginal communities must be a priority for the new Commissioner.

"Constructive dialogue with senior community members across the region around law and order, and working with Aboriginal justice agencies in the NT is crucial.

There are well known issues with the police force and we look forward to being part of the solution for improved policing across our seven regions."

With the new commissioner based in Alice Springs, Mr Ryan awaits further discussions with Commissioner Dole when he is in Darwin.

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