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The PFP deplores violence and anarchy. To fan its flames is to destroy the future for all in this country. We must face up to the problems which contribute to frustration, violence and conflict. If a man cannot feed himself and his children, he becomes desperate and the target of agitators. If a youngster cannot find a job, he will not listen to reasons which argue away his future.

In a situation of growing unemployment, of increasing economic austerity it is simply shortsighted and dangerous to expect the Police and Defence Force to be the only source of stability and order.

This Government must change its economic and political programmes so that every individual is able to pursue his opportunities to the best of his abilities. If it does not, then :

GST will continue to increase, we will continue to pay more and earn less; unemployment and unrest will escalate and the quality of life for all of us will go down.

The PFP says that in Newton Park the time has come for the voters to show this Government that we have had enough. The rot must stop immediately.