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CRIMINAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS LAGGING BEHIND

Australia's police forces lack the sophisticated national criminal information systems that are helping comparable countries improve crime clear-up rates, according to the Police Federation of Australia (PFA).

"The fully developed national system would arm the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Crime Commission, and State and Territory police forces with state-of-the-art information to aid police investigations", the PFA Chief Executive Officer, Mark Burgess said today.

The PFA wants the next Australian Government to commit to a system incorporating:

- the national DNA database
- the national fingerprint database
- the national child sex offender register
- the CrimTrac police reference system (persons of interest, vehicles and firearms)
- a single national case management system for Australia's police
- aviation and maritime license holders, and
- chemical and fertilizer purchases.

The PFA will be putting a wide-ranging selection of police policy prescriptions to political parties during the coming week including a proposal to create a 21st Century National Criminal Investigation Database hub run by CrimTrac.

Such a scheme will boost police productivity, national security and border protection, and have huge benefits in terms of crime prevention and crime reduction across Australia,' the CEO said.

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