



# Hon Michael Gallacher MLC

Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council  
Minister for Police and Emergency Services  
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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **REWARD OFFERED OVER DISAPPEARANCE OF YOUNG BLUE MOUNTAINS MOTHER 13 YEARS AGO**

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gallacher has today announced a \$100,000 reward for information into the disappearance and suspected murder of young Katoomba mother Belinda Peisley.

The 19-year-old was last seen at her Trow Avenue home on September 26, 1998.

Prior to her disappearance Ms Peisley had developed a drug problem and was in considerable financial debt.

“Regardless of Belinda’s activities, two young boys have been left without a mother,” Minister Gallacher said.

“There are questions that the Peisley family and Belinda’s two young sons need answered.

“This reward is on offer for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for Belinda’s disappearance and suspected murder. Her body has never been found.

“Blue Mountains detectives have worked tirelessly on this case and have identified a number of suspects but are now calling for the public’s help to solve what happened to Belinda.

“When she disappeared, Belinda left behind young sons who are now growing into young men. They just want to be able to say goodbye to their mum,” Minister Gallacher said.

“This family has been grieving for over 13 years and just want some closure.

“I urge everyone in the community who may have information about what happened to Belinda, no matter how small, to come forward.

“It is vital information that comes from the community that could help investigators find the missing piece of the puzzle to solve this crime,” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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