The Chief Minister Paul Henderson today slammed the CLP candidate for Araluen Robyn Lambley for encouraging problem drinking on Alice Springs streets.

“Ms Lambley let the cat out of the bag yesterday, revealing the CLP’s solution to problem drinking was to get people to drink early and drink often.”

“Speaking on radio yesterday, Ms Lambley told listeners: “People are saying to me, bring it back to what it was, let people drink if they’re going to drink and fall down before the sun goes down.”

“These comments make it clear the CLP will let Alice be flooded with a tide of grog.

“We have a sensible plan to reduce problem drinking and alcohol related violence – a central part of which has been restricting take away sale times to 2pm.

“Since the introduction of the NT Government’s Alcohol Management Plan in 2006 we have seen a 21 per cent drop in serious assaults in Alice Springs and an 18 per cent drop in alcohol supply has led to a decrease in serious assaults and hospitalisation due to alcohol.”*

“The CLP on the other hand think the best way to deal with problem drinking and assaults is to sell more grog. That is simply nonsense,” Mr Henderson said.

*Research conducted as part of the independent Menzies Health evaluation of the Government’s alcohol plan.

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