Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie says Robyn Lambley must be honest at her meeting with alcohol representatives in Alice Springs in light of the Coroners recommendation to cut excessive take away alcohol supply in Alice Springs.

“The Coroner, police, doctors, surgeons, ambulance officers, health experts, domestic violence counsellors, mental health workers and child protection workers all want less alcohol available in Alice Springs, but the CLP want more,” Ms Lawrie said.

“When asked on radio the other day whether the Country Liberals support reducing the amount of alcohol people can access, Dave Tollner said no.

“The CLP have done nothing to address crime in Alice Springs except to pour more grog on to the problem.

“The Banned Drinker Register was installed in three Alice Springs pubs known as the ‘animal bars’, yet the CLP have scrapped this, with problem drinkers back on the grog from 10am again.

“Mrs Lambley has also committed to opening up bottle shops for an extra four hours a day, starting at 10am - famously announcing this approach was to sell alcohol earlier so that drunks “fall down before sundown”.

“Will she outline this policy in the meeting on Friday? On what date will the earlier opening hours start?

“Is wanting people to “fall down before sundown” the kind of policy Terry Mills has talking about when he committed to ending Aboriginal disadvantage?

“Only last week Mrs Lambley put out a press release titled ‘Committed to tackling crime in Alice Springs’. The only people in the world who believe that making alcohol more available will cut crime are the CLP.

“Dave Tollner has alcohol policy, Peter Chandler has alcohol licensing, John Elferink has habitual drunks policy, Terry Mills has policing and Robyn Lambley has Alice Springs alcohol policy. That’s five Ministers and not a single policy to cut alcohol abuse.”

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