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CLP Fails NT on Alcohol Policy

The National Alcohol Policy Scorecard released today again rates the Territory as the equal second-worst performing government in the nation, behind the Federal Government, on addressing alcohol harm.

Shadow Minister for Alcohol Policy, Natasha Fyles, said the report card highlights that the performance of the CLP has declined in the past year, dropping 11 points.

“The CLP dropped the Alcohol Policy portfolio in their December re-shuffle to avoid scrutiny on the biggest social issue facing the Territory.

“In every category - reduction of harm, treatment and early intervention, drink driving prevention and transparency in the development of alcohol policy - the report states the Territory needs to improve.

“The CLP have ignored calls for an independent review into their alcohol mandatory treatment model.

“Like our medical experts, we want to ensure this program is properly resourced and delivering health outcomes. The Government is spending $28 million with no real measures for whether their alcohol mandatory treatment program is achieving long term benefits and whether it is cost effective.

“They won’t release data on alcohol treatment outcomes. Is this because it is not working to reduce alcohol misuse or bring down alcohol related harm?” Ms Fyles said.

The National Alcohol Policy Scorecard commenced in 2013. It is produced by the National Alliance for Action on Alcohol.

View their media release at: http://www.actiononalcohol.org.au/


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