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Anti-Social Behaviour Driving Away Tourists

Shadow Minister for Alcohol Policy, Natasha Fyles, today met with a local business operator to discuss how the CLP’s failed alcohol policies are hurting local business and driving away tourists.

Local Business operator, Claire De Silva, started a petition to bring back the Banned Drinkers’ Register (BDR) because the increase of anti-social behaviour is having negative impacts on her business.

“Anti-social behaviour impacts on our business, especially with the cruise ships that have come in recently. We’ve had tourists being afraid to go outside our store because they’re afraid they’re going to get hurt by the violence happening outside.

There are a lot of people that have commented that they actually stay away from the CBD and Nightcliff, all those areas, because it’s expected you’re going to see this sort of behaviour and everyone tries to avoid it.”

Claire De Silva, Local Business Owner, 23 March 2016

“It’s clear we need a Territory wide point of sale intervention system in place, and the Banned Drinkers’ Register (BDR) does that. That’s why Labor, if elected in August, will implement the BDR,” said Natasha Fyles.

“Under the BDR, if a person was banned from purchasing take-away alcohol from one location, they were banned Territory wide.”

“When the CLP scrapped the BDR, they effectively turned the tap back on for 2500 problem drinkers who could not access take away alcohol anywhere in the Territory.

“Adam Giles and the CLP have no ideas and no plans to tackle increased antisocial behaviour.

“It’s time for Adam Giles and the CLP to listen to the community, listen to local business and reinstate the Territory wide point of sale intervention: the Banned Drinkers’ Register.”

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