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DOUBLE STANDARDS
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The Henderson Government’s proposed Alcohol Management Plan for Darwin and Palmerston highlights the double standards Labor applies to grog restrictions across the Territory.

Shadow Minister for Alcohol Policy, Matt Conlan, said unlike restrictions in Alice Springs, the Labor Party lacked the bottle to ban takeaway alcohol sales until 2pm.

"Unlike in Darwin, there are no marginal seats in Alice Springs," Mr Conlan said.

"As a result, the Government had no reservations introducing considerably tougher restrictions in Alice Springs than in Darwin.

"The Alcohol Policy Minister, Delia Lawrie, needs to explain why it is fair for some bottleshops in Darwin to open at 9am, while in Alice Springs bottleshops cannot open until 2pm.

"The Henderson Government’s lack of integrity is breathtaking.

"It talks tough on alcohol reform, but its toughness extends only as far as the political reality.

"That reality extends only as far as the next marginal seat, where the Government knows it will be punished by voters at election time if limits are placed on access to takeaway alcohol.

"Instead of limiting access to responsible drinkers, the Government should increase rehabilitation services across the Territory."

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