BANNING NOTICES GETTING DRUNKS OFF OUR STREETS

Tough powers introduced by the Henderson Government to ban drunk and anti-social troublemakers from entertainment precincts have been used by police more than 40 times as part of a campaign to stamp-out alcohol-related violence across the Territory.

Chief Minister, Paul Henderson, said 41 banning notices were handed out since the laws came into effect last November sending a clear message to the community that trouble makers would not be tolerated on Territory streets.

“Anti-social behaviour has no place on our streets – that is why my Government has given police tough powers to help keep the streets safer,” Mr Henderson said,

14 notices were issued in Alice Springs, 15 in Darwin and 12 in Palmerston, banning trouble makers from designated entertainment precincts in those areas.

Banning notices give police the power to ban troublemakers from designated precincts in Alice, Darwin and Palmerston for up to 48 hours.

“It means police have the power to get trouble makers off our streets, meaning more Territorians can enjoy a night out without worrying about having it ruined by anti-social behaviour.”
Mr Henderson said the tough laws were part of the Government’s comprehensive action plan to deal with drunks and anti-social behaviour across the Territory.

Other powers include:

• Turning off the tap to problem drinkers by banning them from purchasing takeaway alcohol;

• Introducing mandatory rehabilitation treatment for problem drinkers;

• Rolling out a new Territory-wide Banned Drinker Register in all take away outlets; and

• Expanding and enhancing rehabilitation and treatment options for problem drinkers

“My Government has a tough and comprehensive plan to take direct action on reducing anti-social behaviour, tackling problem drinking and getting drunks off our streets,” Mr Henderson said.

“If you are not tough on grog, you are weak on crime and unlike the CLP this Government understands to tackle anti-social behaviour we need to crack down on problem drunks.”

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