The Henderson Government should immediately re-think its plan to keep offenders, including repeat high-level drink drivers, out of prison.

"Rewarding people who break the law with Community Custody Orders or Community Based Orders is the wrong approach," says Opposition Leader Terry Mills.

"I support work orders, as long as they’re carried out in a facility like a prison farm similar to the one we proposed for Katherine.

"People who recklessly put the lives of others at risk by repeatedly drink driving should face a serious consequence – including a custodial sentence.

"While no benefit is served placing these people in a facility like Berrimah jail, offenders should not be rewarded simply because the Henderson Government has been unable to build a new facility.

"Nor should they benefit from the fact the Independent Member brow-beat the Government into reducing the size of its proposed new prison from 1000 inmates to 800.

"Community Orders send out the wrong message about offences like drink driving.

"The Government should be saying it is simply unacceptable and if you continue to break the rules you will do time."

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