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HENDERSON’S CONDOM HYPOCRISY

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The Government’s decision to place a paid advertisement in the NT News encouraging safe sex and condom use at Bass in the Grass ignores the importance of promoting a strong community health message at the festival.

Shadow Minister for the Arts, Ross Bohlin, says instead of taking the opportunity to promote safe sex, the Chief Minister has trivialised the importance of a strong community health message by taking out an ad.

‘Henderson says ‘no’ to health professionals and non-Government organisations distributing safe sex information at Bass in the Grass, but ‘yes’ to an advertisement on page 31 of the newspaper,” Mr Bohlin said.

‘This is another example of the Government missing the point and failing to show community leadership.

‘Labor would prefer to promote itself doing something through a newspaper advertisement rather than get out and actually deal with the issue.

‘It’s also a concern other important organisations which spread a mental health, suicide prevention and responsible drinking message are excluded.

‘Rather than detract from Bass in the Grass, these services would add value to this popular community event.”

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