BANNED DRINKER REGISTER FAILED TERRITORIANS

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Acting Chief Minister, Robyn Lambley, said the Banned Drinker Register did not work, despite assertions by the Prime Minister today.

“The Country Liberals Government will not stand idly by while Canberra tries to overturn Territory policies mandated by the people,” Mrs Lambley said.

“If the BDR was so successful, why doesn't the Commonwealth seek its enforcement in other parts of the country where there are serious alcohol issues?

“The BDR was introduced to reduce the number of violent assaults in the Territory and on any measure, it failed.

“Police figures show from July 2011 to August 2012 – the BDR's period of operation – there were 6 per cent more assaults than during the previous year. There were 3 per cent more assaults during the September quarter 2012 compared to the September quarter 2011.

“In 2011, alcohol-related assaults across the Territory were 2.9 per cent higher than the previous year.

“Despite being on the BDR, one person still managed to be placed into Protective Custody 117 times, proving the BDR was ineffective.

“The Country Liberals will focus resources on rehabilitation and active policing on the back of our commitment to deliver 120 additional police on the beat.

“This is the second time the Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie, has come out in support of Canberra calling the shots.

“If she thinks Canberra is the best place to govern the Territory from, perhaps she should put her hand up for Julia Gillard’s Federal Labor team.

“During my visit to Canberra, I will reaffirm the Country Liberals commitment to our effective alcohol policies and stress to both sides that the Territory should not be used as a political football during their election campaign.”

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