The Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, said today that public drunkenness was out of control right across the Territory while Adam Giles and the CLP do nothing.

Ms Lawrie said that the CLP made a promise to Territorians that if elected they would immediately introduce new alcohol laws and get drunks off our streets.

“The CLP have their head in the sand. Only this morning the new Chief Minister Adam Giles said that public drunkenness and crime was down,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Adam Giles is the only person in the Territory who thinks public drunkenness is reduced.

“In 7 months the CLP have done nothing, and locals and business owners are hurting more than ever before.

“This CLP Government has gone backwards. By scrapping the alcohol courts and tribunal they are allowing repeat drunks to spend all their welfare on alcohol.

“Adam Giles has admitted that the Safe Streets audit they promised to have completed and acted on within 100 days hasn’t even begun. He also admitted that the Government has been sitting on the O’Sullivan police review since last year.

“Meanwhile crime and drunken hotspots are appearing everywhere.

“The evidence is clear. Dave Tollner has admitted that police are having to take drunks to hospitals instead of police cells. It reduces crime statistics but not crime.

“Territorians won’t be fooled.”

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