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CLP Must Consult with Experts

Shadow Transport Minister, Gerry McCarthy said Adam Giles confirmed yesterday that police, doctors, and road safety experts will not be consulted in his decision on open speed limits.

“It was confirmed in estimates last night that Adam Giles had not sought the advice of the Police Commissioner on scrapping speed limits” Mr McCarthy said

“I was also disappointed to hear that Adam Giles decided the commissioned report into open speed limits will not be made public. Given the severity that a decision like this will have on Territory lives, I urge the Chief Minister to reconsider his decision to withhold this information from Territorians.”

Mr McCarthy said Adam Giles’ refusal to consult with experts on the matter is because he is aware that the advice will be that open limits will result in Territory lives lost.

“The last four years has seen the lowest average annual road toll since records began,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The CLP should make the report public, so Territorians know what information he will be basing his decisions on, if not from expert advice from police, doctors and road safety experts.”

According to the Police road toll statistics:

- The last four years has seen the lowest average annual road toll since records began.
- The average annual road toll in the last four years (2009-2012) has been 44. That compares to 58 over the four previous years (2005-2008).
- 56 less lives lost over four years.
- The last four years is the only period where the road toll has not exceeded 50.


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