CLP ADMITS ALCOHOL PLAN IS FLAWED

Shadow Minister for Alcohol Policy Michael Gunner today said that the CLP are in chaos and confused after Adam Giles admitted their Alcohol Protection Orders are flawed.

“Yesterday the Chief Minister said they would not make any amendments, today he has said they will look at amendments now they realise people could go to jail for playing footy or watching the footy,” Mr Gunner said.

“The CLP need to admit they are in chaos and are confused and are now making alcohol policy decisions on the run – they need to stop and listen to the experts who are saying it will not work.

“As it stands, the CLP’s plan means someone on an Alcohol Protection Order could face jail for entering a licensed premise – the whole of the TIO Football Stadium at Marrara is a licensed premise.

“At the Fannie Bay shops, for example, that would mean someone on an alcohol protection order getting a coffee from the Cool Spot, a pizza from Super Pizza or the groceries from the corner store could find themselves going to prison – this is clearly a mistake.

“The CLP’s chaotic approach to tackling alcohol is confused because they will not consult properly with experts.

“When the CLP rushed through their mandatory detention for rehabilitation laws they had to make over 40 amendments.

“The CLP’s badly thought out Alcohol Protection Orders has a very simple, threshold problem – they will not work as the person selling alcohol does not know if someone is banned.

“That means people can walk into a takeaway outlet and buy as much alcohol as they want.

“The CLP are replacing the scrapped banned drinkers register with a banned drinkers register where no one knows who is banned.”

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