Shadow Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Michael Gunner, today called on the CLP Government to stop infighting and urgently address the ever increasing levels of alcohol fuelled violence across the Territory.

Mr Gunner said the latest monthly crime statistics were another exhibit in a long line of evidence pointing to the abject failure of the CLP Government’s alcohol policies.

“The figures show that in the last year assaults are up by 10%, domestic violence related assaults are up by 19% and alcohol related assaults are up by 13% across the Territory.

“Every Territorian has the right to feel safe and enjoy a violence free environment - at home or in public.

“More Territorians than ever before are being hurt and many Territorians are living in fear for their own physical safety.

“These figures put beyond any doubt the fact that the alcohol policies the CLP Government introduced in August 2012 have been an unmitigated disaster - as every expert said they would be.

“This comes on top of the recently released data showing that alcohol related admission to Territory hospitals spiked by 80% on the back of bad CLP decisions.

“We are all being let down by a CLP Government focused exclusively on internal squabbling, and the abusive behaviour of its own MLAs.

“The same arrogance that has led to the revolt by the three rebel bush MLAs is on display with the Chief Minister’s refusal to face the fact that it is his Government’s policies that have seen violence spin out of control across the Territory.

“Such damning evidence would normally be enough to shame any government into listening to the community, and fixing the mess.

“My real fear is while the CLPs attention is being taken by their internal division, Territorians continue to pay the price with increasing violent assaults.

"2013 was the most violent year in the history of the NT, and sadly 2014 doesn't look like improving."

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