MANDATORY ALCOHOL TREATMENT AN EXPENSIVE FAILURE

The Shadow Minister for Alcohol Policy, Michael Gunner says the Government’s own six month review into their expensive Mandatory Alcohol Treatment program was unable to even determine if one single person had been successfully rehabilitated.

“This review confirms that the Government should have listened to the experts before they implemented their failed scheme,” Mr Gunner said.

“This review clearly outlines the problems that everyone told the Government would occur before it started.

“The review confirms that the Government's plan to criminalise alcoholism has failed and has recommended it be changed.

“It’s time the Government started listening to the experts and they could begin by implementing the recommendations of their own review,” he said.

“Unfortunately the Government has already flagged they intend to ignore their own recommendations.

“They have consistently ignored the Police, doctors, lawyers and now they are ignoring themselves.”

He said mandatory treatment was just one component of the CLP’s failed alcohol policies that have seen record assaults, record domestic violence, record alcohol hospitalisations and tens of millions of dollars wasted.

The Government should listen to police, doctors and lawyers and bring back the Banned Drinker Register and the Alcohol and Other Drugs Tribunal.

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