CLP failures fuel crime

Shadow Attorney General Natasha Fyles is calling on the CLP to tackle the rivers of grog fuelling anti-social behaviour and crime.

Ms Fyles said that the CLP reliance on police Temporary Beat Locations (TBLs) had stretched Police resources and left Darwin and Palmerston residents suffering increased anti-social behaviour and crime.

"Many people in my Nightcliff community are experiencing or witnessing unacceptable incidents of anti-social behaviour, including violence.

"The problem across Darwin is the worst it has been with incidents of alcohol fuelled violence taking place constantly, including in broad daylight.

"Local businesses are struggling with the impact of public drunkenness affecting customers and shopkeepers themselves being placed in threatening situations.

"Police are trying to do their best with limited resources, but the CLP government has turned its back on the community, closing the Nightcliff Police Station and the Casuarina Police Beat.

"The CLP scrapped the Banned Drinkers Register; turning 2500 people back onto grog and everyday Territorians are feeling the impact.

"The latest crime statistics issued in February showed assaults in Darwin are up 8.4% while motor vehicle theft was up 22.8% in Darwin and a staggering 44.9% in Palmerston.

"Our community is sick and tired of not being able enjoy our great Territory lifestyle. Over the past few weeks I have had numerous complaints.

"Adam Giles needs to acknowledge the issue, properly resource the police and put policies in place so the community can feel safe once again."

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