EXPERTS BACK LABOR’S BDR AND PAN CLP AMT

Adam Giles and the CLP have failed to tackle alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour from day one due to their own arrogance, Shadow Minister for Alcohol Policy, Ms Natasha Fyles said.

“For the CLP’s Alcohol Mandatory Treatment policy to be labelled “at best completely dysfunctional” and “completely ineffectual” at an inquest must serve as a wakeup call to Chief Minister Adam Giles that he needs to start listening to the experts and the community,” said Ms Fyles.

“Despite this, the Chief Minister continues to arrogantly back the CLP’s costly and failed policy which has already cost Territorians $54 million between 2012 and 30 June 2015. In this time period, only 493 people completed their treatment, with no indication as to whether the treatment was effective for those individuals.

Mr Giles conceded there have been problems with getting problem drinkers through the alcohol mandatory treatment tribunal, but the process was still working.

Chief Minister Adam Giles, ABC Online, 15 May 2016

Ms Fyles said it was positive to see experts continue to back Labor’s Banned Drinker’s Register.

Dr Robert Parker, from the NT branch of the Australian Medical Association, said they believed the former Labor government’s Banned Drinker Register (BDR) policy was a more effective way of dealing with problem drinkers than the current scheme. Dr Parker said in comparison, the mandatory alcohol rehabilitation scheme was not an effective health solution.

Dr Robert Parker, NT Australian Medical Association, ABC Online, 15 May 2016

“The CLP’s AMT has been one long expensive failure and Adam Giles is completely to blame for refusing to listen,” said Ms Fyles.

“Labor has a real plan to tackle alcohol abuse and the rise of anti-social behaviour which is hurting our community and local business.

“It’s time for Adam Giles to put his arrogance aside, admit he got it horribly wrong, and reintroduce the Banned Drinker’s Register.”

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