PROOF THAT ALCOHOL AFFECTS CLEAR THINKING

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says a statement in the NT News (4/2/17) saying that the Chief Minister is not going to include a study of lock out laws when reviewing the Liquor Act and licensing conditions and parameters just shows the effect alcohol can have on the Government.

Gerry says to have a review without looking at lock out laws is hypocritical as the review is meant to be part of the Government’s harm minimisation strategy and lock out laws have been shown to reduce harm.

Gerry says a review would be an opportunity to see what is the cost to the public of keeping Mitchell Street patrons safe at night which would include the cost of police, para medics, and medical staff at RDH who have to deal with the consequences of drunken behaviour?

Gerry said that unless the Government includes a study of lock out laws then this review will be seen as influenced by the alcohol industry (donations) and therefore not independent. It will also be seen, when the Government deals with the hard issues, as a cop out and a missed opportunity to fend off some of the deliberate falsehoods spread about lock out laws.

He calls on the Chief Minister to reverse his decision.

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