FLAWED FLOOR PRICE PROCESS

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says Labor has only itself to blame when it is criticized by many over the new minimum floor price legislation.

Gerry said that the Attorney General promised all Legislation (except urgent) would go before a scrutiny committee.

The Attorney General then back flipped on this promise, meaning two important pieces of legislation never went to scrutiny – the police auxiliaries outside of bottles shops Bill and the Floor Price Bill.

If the Floor Price Bill had gone to a committee there could have been public hearings throughout the Territory and some of the issues being raised today about the Legislation could have been heard and perhaps changes could have been made before it came to Parliament or the Legislation may have been dropped altogether if it was seen not to be workable.

That’s why we have scrutiny committees.

As Stan Laurel said from Laurel and Hardy

Another fine mess you’ve got me into

Labor can only blame itself.