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100% public support for Bill and still Govt says 'NO'
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After a poll conducted by Top FM today which revealed that the public supported an Ambulance Officer and Emergency Worker Protection Bill 100%, the government is still refusing to signal its support for the proposed law.

The Bill which has been before the Legislative Assembly for months has been rejected by the government.

The Bill's proponent John Elferink today expressed his dismay at the government's refusal to support a common sense idea.

Speaking in Alice Springs today John Elferink said,

“This is just stunning in its childish logic. Because it's a CLP Bill the government won't support it.

“Why is the Government going to refuse to support something that's so simple?"

“I assure Ambulance Officers and Emergency Workers that I will do everything in my power to have the bill passed.

“If the government has a problem with the Bill, suggest an amendment and I'll discuss it with them.

“The idea is to help protect those who protect us.”

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