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Business as usual for pool inspectors

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The Government's review into the Chief Minister's pool fencing laws is a sham, CLP Shadow Minister for Local Government and Community and Regional Development John Elferink said today.

Mr Elferink said pool inspectors charged with enforcing the Chief Minister's draconian laws are telling confused pool owners it's business as usual and that regulations will be enforced to the letter of the law.

"It makes no sense for people to continue with changes to their pool fencing under the Government's new laws until after the review is completed and decisions handed down," Mr Elferink said.

"Yet the Government has its pool inspectors out rigidly enforcing its pool laws telling owners the changes will only be minimal.

"Surely a moratorium of some kind could be put in place until the review is completed and changes known.

"On the one hand Government claims it is concerned that people with pools that previously complied with council by-laws are being disadvantaged over minor changes.

"Yet it still has its pool inspectors pursuing these people despite claiming it is going to make changes which may mean pool owners do not need to make any changes. Where's the sense in that?

"Why should these pool owners be pursued under a set of laws that in a few months may not apply. The Chief Minister created this mess by refusing to listen to pleas for a common sense approach to her new laws.

"The government has discovered that the Chief Minister's knee jerk response to pool fencing was an unpopular decision and is now trying to recover ground before the next election.

"The government has provided confusion where clarity is needed."

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