The CLP Opposition has called for more talk and less action on Public Dry Areas legislation that will enable parts of urban areas, such as neighbourhood parks, to be declared dry, said Minister for Racing, Gaming & Licensing, Syd Stirling.

“The community has been crying out for a new tool to fight alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour in their local area for some time, and that is why we are passing the Public Dry Areas bill on urgency,” said Mr Stirling.

“But the CLP Opposition does not want the bill passed on urgency. They would rather allow the alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour continue, while a bill that has already been endorsed by the public is further debated!

“How many more lives need to be damaged as a result of alcohol fuelled violence before the CLP Opposition recognises that the Public Dry Areas Bill must be introduced now.”

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