PLAYFUL PAINTBALL PETITION

The Territory Opposition have launched a petition to increase pressure on the Martin Government to allow consenting adults to enjoy a game of paintball in their leisure time.

‘We have heard much from the Government about enhancing the Territory’s lifestyle,” says Terry Mills, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and sponsor of both the petition and a Bill in Parliament to legalise paintball.

“To my mind one of the greatest aspects of the Territory lifestyle is freedom – freedom born of a relaxed attitude to fit the Territory’s wide open spaces.

“Here’s the rub - virtually every other adult Australian has the freedom to play paintball in their spare time.

“Yet, despite all the evidence pointing to the fact that allowing people to play paintball doesn’t have any adverse impacts on society, adult Territorians are denied the simple pleasure.

“My petition will allow Territorians to say let’s catch up with the rest of Australia.

“If we genuinely value our freedoms then we don’t want to be ruled by petty rules that restrict us from doing things that have no effect on others.”

To ensure that any risks associated with paintball are minimised there are a number of regulations that my Bill will require. These include:

- Licensed operators;
- Paintball markers stored on licensed premises and inspected regularly;
- Directors of Paintball companies be required to be fit and proper people; and
- Safety procedures and the rules of play to be strictly controlled.

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