MARTIN GOVERNMENT FAILS TERRITORY MOTORISTS

The fact the Territory’s road toll for 2007 has now surpassed the total number of fatalities in 2006 shows the imposition of an open road speed limit has failed to improve safety on our roads.

The latest fatality in Alice Springs takes the Territory road toll to 45, one more than the total number of fatalities for all of 2006, and 6 more than at the same time last year.

“There was no evidence that the open road speed limit was a significant factor in the Territory’s high road toll,” says Fay Miller, Shadow Minister for Transport.

“The Martin Government was barking up the wrong tree when it imposed the open road speed limit on January 1st this year.

The Acting Minister for Transport, Chris Burns, claimed at the time: “These changes will save lives and reduce the unnecessary road trauma on Territory roads.

“Well they haven’t.

“As so many people predicted at the time, imposing an open road speed limit has failed to cut the road toll.

“Far more important is the number of Territory motorists who fail to wear seatbelts; a factor in the latest fatality.

“The Martin Government has failed totally in its stated goal to reduce the road toll in the Territory.

“The open road speed limit was just another pointless attack by the Martin Labor Government on the Territory’s lifestyle.

“Demerit points will prove to be equally useless in curbing the road toll.

“Labor’s only answer is more and more regulation at ever greater cost to Territorians.

“Labor just can’t be trusted with the Territory’s lifestyle.”

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