NT Government Stands up for Territorians

The Territory Alcohol Policy Minister Chris Burns has welcomed a further watering down of one of the unworkable elements of Canberra’s alcohol legislation.

“The Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister has released an open letter to me in which he mentioned in passing that he had excised some campgrounds in Nitmiluk and Kakadu National Park from alcohol offences,” Dr Burns said.

“I’m advised Racing, Gaming and Licensing, which has responsibility to administer Canberra’s laws, were not advised of these exemptions. In fact, we are still waiting to learn which campgrounds in particular have been excised.

“As a result of Mal Brough’s lack of consultation before he pushed the alcohol laws through Federal Parliament, he is now having to make policy on the run.

“On behalf of Territorians, I continue to ask him to fix the silly $100 takeaway law and the law that stops Territorians enjoying a beer while out fishing.

“The Territory Government has consistently supported legislation and measures that target the direct causes of child abuse.

“These laws are unpopular, unworkable and won’t stop child abuse.

“Until these issues are resolved the Territory Government will not accept funding to run an advertising campaign promoting Canberra’s legislation.

“We are standing up for Territorians.

“I call on Dave Tollner and Nigel Scullion to do the same and represent the interests of Territorians.”

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