Hon Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister
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RE: Broken election promises - alcohol policy

Prior to the August 2016 election you and the Member for Braitling, Dale Wakefield, publicly stated that a Gunner Government:

a. Would not introduce a floor price for alcohol
b. Would fully maintain Police outside of bottle shops

In an election forum organised by the People’s Alcohol Action Coalition in Alice Springs on 10th August 2016, Dale Wakefield told people that a Gunner Government would not introduce a floor price.

In Parliament on 22 June 2017 you confirmed that you would not reduce or scrap Police outside of bottle shops.

It is of great concern that you have mislead Territorians. Ms Wakefield only won the seat of Braitling by 27 votes. It is not unreasonable to conclude that had she been honest, it is likely she would not be the current Member for Braitling.

As a Government that has espoused the virtues of integrity and honesty, this is a major departure from your own promises and commitments to Territorians.

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My questions to you are:

- Will you take these changes in policy to an election before you implement them?
- Will you acknowledge and apologise to Territorians for lying to them?
- Why has the Government decided not to implement the following recommendations from the Reilly Alcohol Review:

Recommendation 3.6.1:

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Recommendation 3.6.4:

*Police should continue to undertake the POSI role until licensing inspectors are employed and trained.*

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

ROBYN LAMBLEY MLA
Member for Araluen

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