WHICH WAY YOU WANT TO DRINK - RIGHT WAY, WRONG WAY?

"Millions of dollars are being spent on more committees, more police, more services, more plans - all to fix a problem after it has happened", says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

Mrs Braham said it was wrong to lay all the blame on Indigenous people for anti-social drinking behaviour that causes so many problems.

"How many of us would like to travel hundreds of kilometres to get a drink?"

"How many of us would want to buy a carton of beer, then sit under a tree while it gets hot before being consumed?"

"How can you break a habit if there is no alternative?"

The government needs to ensure that life on communities is more attractive and start a new campaign to break the cycle, said Mrs Braham.

"What a difference there would be to community life if some of the millions was spent on improving facilities like social centres, sport activities and venues, employment and training opportunities".

"As long as the government continues to treat this problem after the damage has been done, the future for Indigenous families and their culture looks bleak".

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