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**Riley Review – time for turbo-charge**

The Labor government’s response to the Territory’s alcohol crisis should be turbo-charged.

The Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins welcomed today’s unveil of the government’s approach to the *Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review*, but continues the Opposition’s call for immediate action to put a stop to the Territory’s alcohol related crime wave.

“Alcohol related crime across the Northern Territory is out of control.

“The need for immediate action is no more evident than with the horrendous events that took place in Tennant Creek recently.

“The Banned Drinker Register (BDR) is failing to keep Territorians safe and today’s initiatives do not go far enough to stem the flow of grog immediately.

“I repeat my continued calls for liquor (licensing) inspectors, to be recruited and appointed urgently.

“Territorians should not have to wait another 12 – 18 months for the introduction of inspectors and other measures that will reduce alcohol harm.

“Territorians and businesses are crying out for both short term, immediate action and long-term (intergenerational) change.

“We support the introduction of a floor price and look forward to the immediate unveil of a timeline from government on when liquor (licensing) inspectors will be introduced,” said Mr Higgins.

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