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Wipe the floor price

The Territory Opposition provided conditional support to the introduction of a floor price in the Northern Territory (as per Riley Review recommendation), on the condition that the Labor government would commission independent evaluation of its success after 6-12 months.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said that the Opposition's support is withdrawn following the Attorney General finally admitting that no evaluation will be conducted until after the next Territory election (2020).

"The Attorney General has now told Territorians that evaluation of the flawed floor price will not be done for three years.

"Territorians have been misled and we have withdrawn our support for the floor price accordingly.

"We have heard loud and clear what Territorians have said.

"Given the lack of public support and overwhelming view of Territorians that this measure is punishing responsible drinkers, the government needs to rethink this policy.

"Labor claims to be open and transparent and despite much rhetoric, this week has showed Labor is anything but.

"The Banned Drinker Register (BDR) has done nothing to stem the flow of alcohol related crime or alcohol related emergency presentations at the Territory's hospitals, which have both increased since the BDR was introduced over 12 months ago," said Mr Higgins.

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