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Saving Lives On Territory Roads More Important Than Playing Politics

The Martin Government makes no apology for new road safety reforms despite the CLP continuing to play politics with the important issue.

Transport Minister, Delia Lawrie, said the Government was acting to save the lives of Territorians, with one person killed and nine seriously injured on our roads every week.

“The risk of being killed on Territory roads is three times higher than anywhere else in Australia,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The laws are tough but they are necessary. The Government could not ignore the carnage.

“In addition to the new laws, the Government is spending more money making our roads safer than ever before, with a budget over \$130 million.”

Ms Lawrie said recent political grandstanding on the issue by Opposition Leader, Jodeen Carney, merely showed how ignorant and out of touch the CLP is.

“One of the biggest killers on our roads is speed, yet the CLP continues to rubbish this fact,” said Ms Lawrie.

“We’ve already seen great success by slowing drivers down on the Lasseter Highway in Central Australia with the number of road deaths cut by 38% since a 110km/h speed limit was introduced.”

The Minister said the Government was also targeting repeat drink drivers.

“Almost 50% of fatal crashes in the NT are alcohol related - another disturbing statistic that can’t be ignored,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Fines have doubled and from July new legislation will mean that if you get caught drink-driving over the 0.05 limit twice you will automatically lose your licence.”

Ms Lawrie said it was a shame the CLP continued to play politics with road safety issues.

“Tough decisions aren’t always popular, but we had hoped the CLP would join us in bipartisan support to save the lives of Territorians,” said Ms Lawrie.

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