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Police Commissioner and Minister contradict each other over future of the TBLs

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“Today we were advised by the Northern Territory Police Commissioner that they will be scrapping the Police outside of bottle shops in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine. The TBLs have been the single most successful strategy in reducing alcohol consumption and alcohol fuelled crime in these three centres. Removing the TBLs makes no sense” said the Independent Member for Araluen, Robyn Lambley.

“However in Parliament this afternoon the Chief Minister said that the (TBLs) Police outside of bottle shops will remain operating as they have been over the past 4 years with no changes.”

We have the Minister for Police and the Police Commissioner contradicting each other. The Government needs to be upfront and honest with Territorians. Who is telling the truth? Why is there so much conflicting information on the future of the TBLs?

“If the Police Commissioner has made this announcement without the authorisation of the Minister for Police and it is wrong, then one has to ask if his position is unsustainable. Meanwhile Territorians are left confused and worried.”

“The likely impact of the scrapping of this highly successful alcohol reduction strategy is frightening for people living in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine.”

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