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## **BDR Handheld Devices Rolling Out Across NT**

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The Territory Labor Government is expanding its pilot program of portable scanning devices for the Banned Drinker Register (BDR) with a roll out across Darwin, Palmerston and the rural area today.

The Attorney-General Natasha Fyles said all 27 Territory drive through bottle shops will be fitted out with the supplementary BDR devices next week, after this week's successful trials in Darwin.

"Territorians want and deserve to live in safe and vibrant communities. The BDR will make our community safer by blocking problem drinkers from buying takeaway alcohol," she said.

"It was a Labor Government that introduced the BDR in 2011.

"The BDR blocked 16,500 sales of take away alcohol to problem drinkers, before it was scrapped by the former CLP government in 2012.

"We promised Territorians we'd bring back the BDR and we have delivered."

Minister Fyles thanked industry for their cooperation and support.

"Our government listens to business," Ms Fyles said

"In consultation with stakeholders, we have developed a mobile solution that takes into account the business needs of licensees.

"We know that Territorians want and expect to remain in their cars at drive through bottle shops and this new device allows them to do that."

Minister Fyles said Territorians want and expect their details to remain secure and the Department has worked solidly to ensure that.

"Security controls approved by the Australian Signals Directorate of the Australian Cyber Security Centre have been applied to the mobile devices," she said.

"In addition the devices will be configured in accordance with best practice advice from the hardware and application vendors."

Technical experts will be available to support point of sale operators through this trial.

**People identified as being on the BDR can call: 1800 237 226**

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