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Dear Mr Atkinson,

**Re: Labor's Open Road Speed Limit and their Attack on the Territory's unique Lifestyle**

Thank you for the representations in regard to the matter of open road speed limits. I can confirm that if the Country Liberal Party (CLP) is elected to Government at the next election, we will remove the Martin Labor Government's open road speed limits on major Territory roads.

Like you, we have not been able to find evidence to show that the deaths that have occurred on our open roads have been caused by people travelling over either 110km/hr or 130km/hr. We do, however, know that drink driving and seatbelts are major contributors to more than half of the fatalities.

The CLP has released several comprehensive policies and programs to address the Territory's serious accident and fatality rates. These include getting tough on drink drivers, especially repeat high-range offenders, making wearing seatbelts part of every trip in the car, specific and targeted measures to improve the safety of younger drivers and rewarding good driving.

There is a lot that the Government could be doing to enforce the current laws rather than continuing to burden Territorians with more laws that, realistically cannot be enforced or divert resources from known important areas of need. Something we have not heard much about in this debate is improving road standards and rationalising and simplifying town road rules, including the ever changing speed limits.

Again, thank you for your representations and we will all continue to fight to improve road safety in the Territory in ways that will make a measurable improvement.

Yours sincerely,

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