

Condolences not politics

THE news of the tragedy of four deaths in the Cannonball Run was met in Alice Springs with great sadness.

It is easy to see there is an election coming up when we see someone like Bob Collins appear on our news service sounding indignant that he was assured by a government minister that this (fatal accident) would not happen.

Sorry Bob this is the real world no matter how well organised or how tough the rules, accidents do happen.

Did he realised that two Territory men had just been killed?

Was it worth four lives?

I AM sure Marshall Perron is as saddened as I am by the death of four people as a result of the Cannonball Run.

I do not doubt his humanity but I do doubt his ability to make sensible decisions.

Perhaps he thought it would be good for the Territory financially, but was it worth four lives?

Perhaps he thought it would provide a good gladiatorial contest to distract Territorians during an election campaign, but did he think of the influence it would have on young hoons trying to emulate the feats of Allan Moffat and company?



Image problem

THE latest blunder by the Northern Territory Government again proves it has a serious image problem.

Last year the world was treated to one of its ministers attempting to strangle a journalist on TV.

This year Chief Minister Marshall Perron's very public support

Roads not raceways

THE Cannonballers paid their money, and were prepared to risk death or injury. So be it. Tuesday's "accident" was between consenting adults.

The public, both Territorians and tourists, have not paid their money and are entitled to expect that they will not incur an extra risk of death or injury as a result of being forced to share the roads with rich amateur drivers hurtling along a high speed.

The mix of officially sanctioned high-speed driving with normal public road traffic is suicidal.

Public roads are not official private raceways and any government that thinks so has forgotten

Address must be given

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