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End Cannonball: minister

CANBERRA: Primary Industries Minister Bob Collins demanded yesterday an end to the Cannonball Run car race, in which four people were killed, saying that holding it was close to madness.

"This first Cannonball run in the Northern Territory should be the last," said Senator Collins.

"I am not being wise after the

event," Senator Collins told the Senate, adding that race officials did not advise him of the more than 200km/h speeds drivers would reach during the race.

Senator Collins said he raised concerns about the race with the NT Government but was assured that adequate safety precautions would be put in place.

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