Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says he also welcomes the agreement on the Kenbi Land Claim.

But Gerry says that he would like to know whether the Government has promised as part of this agreement that it has approved the new suburb of Cox Peninsula ahead of Weddell.

Gerry says if this is the case, who will pay for the headworks (roads, power and water) that will be required to service this area?

He says Weddell is close to a major highway, the power house, Darwin River Dam and the water line and the rail so it makes sense to develop that area first. It is already surrounded by a growing rural population which could feed into this new city.

Gerry says that while he appreciates the importance to the Larrakia Development Corporation wanting to push to develop their land, that should be a decision for them and funded by them as it will be private land.

There is a shortage of land for housing in the NT and the Government should be putting in place the necessary plans and infrastructure to start getting Weddell off and running as soon as possible.

Cox Peninsula will happen in its own good time.