Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says he welcomes Labor’s commitment to provide 1200 houses for medium to low income Territorians.

But Gerry says he wonders if this is just one of those ideas thought up for an election campaign that is ill conceived and poorly thought through.

Gerry says the first thing that Labor must say is where will they build these houses – do they have a plan?

Just to say they will be built in Palmerston and Darwin is not exactly detailed information and there is no mention of the Darwin rural area but that’s in Lingiari so obviously no need for affordable housing out here!

Secondly these houses have to be built with water, sewerage, electricity and roads – who will pay for that? – is there a plan?

Thirdly Gerry says he wonders what will be the timeframe for the construction of these houses – will they flood the market – do they have a plan?

Gerry says he has seen the results of poor planning with SIHIP, he fears that the Prime Minister Gillard may not have learnt any lessons from that.