SO WHAT ARE THE MAJOR PARTIES GOING TO DO FOR THE DARWIN RURAL AREA?

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says about 25% of the population of the electorate of Lingiari live in the Darwin Rural area. He says that this important part of the electorate seems to have been totally ignored by both major parties – you would think the region didn’t even exist.

Gerry says that there are many things needed in the rural area such as:
- a new high school (Taminmin College is full),
- a new community library,
- an ambulance centre at Humpty Doo,
- a swimming pool (kids have no safe places to swim because of crocs),
- a rural art centre/theatre complex,
- a major upgrade of the Arnhem Highway,
- improved facilities at Freds Pass Reserve,
- the completion of the Litchfield Park loop road
- a retirement village at Humpty Doo
- and there are lots more needs.

Gerry says it seems both parties like to put posters up in the rural area, but do little else when it comes to doing something concrete.

He says there is still time for the candidates to say what they are going to do for the rural area, but he’s not holding his breath waiting.