RURAL PEOPLE GET A PALMERSTON OUTSTATION AND NOTHING MUCH ELSE

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says there is not much in the budget for the 20,000 people who live in the rural area.

He says because the Government couldn’t be bothered building Weddell it has decided to build a Palmerston outstation in the rural area which about the only thing the rural area will get – not that we want it.

He says there may be some infrastructure for Humpty Doo and a drain in Howard Springs but any other budget items are either written in invisible ink or are so small that they are not important enough the be written into the budget papers.

New rural applicants for the NT Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme will now have to have a Centrelink concession, so Gerry wonders how many older residents will pack up and go and stay south now.

Once again the rural area is forgotten which seems strange when two rural members are members of the CLP. Seems the Government can’t even support them.