Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says he hopes that a proposed new 31 storey high rise on the corner of Edmund St and Cavanagh Street will not be another wall to wall or boundary to boundary development.

Gerry says that the Government must introduce rules which require a relationship between the height of the building and open space or setbacks. If this is not done, Darwin will have wall to wall high rise and just be a copy of Hong Kong not a tropical harbour city as Mr Henderson claims to support.

He also says that all carparking for such buildings must go underground and not be the first thing people see at the lower levels?

Gerry says that if developers want to use a small block of land then they should be restricted on the height they can build. They should look at examples like the AANT and Local Government buildings in Smith Street. They are set back and give a feeling of space.

The Minister for Planning stepped in recently to limit heights, but has done nothing about restricting the density of the buildings as well. If she believes in the proper planning of our CBD then she needs to prove it now.