Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says another big question that the Minister for Planning needs to answer about Arafura Harbour is, will this mean a curfew for Darwin Airport.

Gerry says this development is within the ANF 20 noise contour which under the NT Planning Scheme restricts residential development.

Gerry says Darwin Airport is a RAAF Base and night flying from both RAAF and commercial aircraft is a common occurrence.

If canal estate housing is established under the flight path, the million dollar owners are not going to be very happy about the noise.

That would mean night flights into Darwin would be at risk meaning a reduction in flights and that will have an effect on tourism and airfares.

Gerry says the Minister needs to say whether the NT Planning Scheme is relevant or will it be dismissed as quickly as the restrictions on heavy industry in Darwin Harbour which she conveniently scrapped.

Arafura Harbour has to be sustainable and if that means downgrading our airport then that is not a sustainable development.