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Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says that if the CDU is considering the option of selling Mataranka then the Government should certainly consider taking over the lease and using the station as part of the new Prison Farm they have announced for Katherine.

Gerry says a Stockman’s Course was recently successfully completed by inmates at Darwin Prison. The course was held on Mango Downs, a mini station on the prison land.

He says that this type of prison development is important for the education and reintegration of prisoners and if the Stockman’s Course was moved to Mataranka it would make a lot of sense. After all Mataranka is an area close to the cattle industry, so, it makes sense.