THERE’S NO SCIENCE EXCEPT POLITICAL SCIENCE

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says he thinks it’s laughable that when both sides of the Territory Parliament often espouse the reliance we should have on science when making decisions about mining and development eg the diversion of Macarthur River, we now know they really mean political science.

He says that with a bi election looming in Alice Springs both sides have thrown that theory away and invoked political science as their sudden reason for dropping any support for a uranium mine near Alice Springs.

It seems that any chance to debate the mine using real science has been thwarted by party election strategists, as well as those who not only don’t really care about science, unless they can use it to benefit their cause, but push a fundamentalist ideology which opposes all things nuclear.

Gerry says the Government and the Opposition would have been better to have left the debate centre on any Environmental Impact Statement produced for the mine and which would have been scrutinised by our independent EPA.

Gerry says that this shows the Government does not have faith in its own EPA and secondly shows that both the Government and the Opposition have not had the courage to allow the process to be examined independently but instead have caved into the neo-Luddites of the 21st Century (the extreme greens) and been scared by the relativity of an election.

The Territory needs to grow an economy that is less reliant on the 80% GST handout it receives from the Commonwealth. Mining is one way to reduce that reliance.

Mining companies will now be reluctant to invest in the Territory because decisions will now be based on political science, not the real thing.