SOME PAY, SOME DON’T

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the Government seems to have one rule for some and another rule for others when it comes to paying its increased charges for services.

The Government says that Territorians have to pay the full cost of providing power and water like you would in a business but it does not apply the same reasoning for remote parts of the Territory where the Government subsidises power and water, through a subsidiary, by 80%.

Territorians who live near an MVR office will have to pay $20 extra if they turn up at the office for any motor vehicle transaction they could have done over the phone or by the internet. But in question time today, the Minister didn’t answer if that extra charge will apply if people out bush who could have used the internet or phone and instead use the local police station for registration of a vehicle, will also pay $20.

If the Government says we have to all pay off the debt, then the load should be spread evenly, not one rule for the city and one rule for the bush.