Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says talk about building an alcohol rehabilitation centre at Katherine may be a good idea but surely before any decisions are made the Government should be talking to the experts like CAAPS, FORWAARD and Amity.

He says these groups have been working with people with alcohol problems for years and understand the issues surrounding alcohol rehabilitation.

Gerry says he has a concern that building a alcohol rehabilitation centre at Katherine next the proposed Katherine prison farm could lead one to believe that the rehab centre will be part of the prison system rather than the health system and that would be a mistake.

He says that the Government needs to talk to the experts, look at existing legislation like the Mental Health and Related Disorders Act and make sure the rehab centres are in places where they will be most effective.

Then make a decision