LACK OF SPACE NOT HEIGHT THE PROBLEM

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says tall buildings aren’t the problem in Darwin it’s the lack of space, the lack of setbacks and the lack of landscaping around the buildings.

Gerry says the two high rise buildings on Knuckey Street are good examples of poor planning.

Both buildings take up the entire block, in fact one building is constructed over the footpath. Any landscaping at ground level is miniscule and the few trees planted are on the public road reserve not on private land. Open space includes balconies and appears to be non existent at ground level.

Gerry says the difference is easily seen if compared with the three defence housing towers on Carey Street. Open space, plenty of room between each building and landscaping.

Gerry says that there needs to be a formula that the higher the building the more open space required, to make sure we do not have wall to wall development - look at St Kilda Road Melbourne to see how its done.