OUR POLITICAL REV HEADS

Independent Member for Nelson, Gerry Wood, says that the NT Government is sending out very confusing messages to Territorians.

Firstly the Government says we must tighten our belts because the Territory is in debt.

Secondly the Government praises the opening of the Sherwin Iron Ore Mine but at the same time the community calls for the upgrade of the Roper Highway, which is the main haulage road for the iron ore, because there are concerns about road safety.

Thirdly the Government decides to spend millions of dollars to upgrade a section of the Stuart Highway near Barrow Creek.

Why, because it wants to fulfil an election promise to have open speed limits, an election promise which was done for purely political reasons and which must be at the bottom of the list of important things needed for the Northern Territory.

Gerry says that if open speed limits were ok then the Government would release the documents showing that that is the case. And they would explain why they have to spend millions to upgrade an existing highway if our highways are already suitable for open speed limits.

Gerry says the money should be spent on making existing roads safer and not on self serving political promises from the rev heads in government.