WHAT BRIGHT SPARK CUT PROPOSED BUS SERVICE TO THE NEW PRISON?

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says on his recent trip to the new prison in Howard Springs (not Holtze) he was told that the proposed public bus service to the prison had been scrapped.

He says many family members who are visiting prisoners need a public bus service to get to the prison, something they are able to do at the existing prison. He says just because someone is being punished in prison doesn’t mean families have to be punished too.

As well a public bus service gives workers the option of not driving out to the prison. They can leave their car at home.

It would also be an option for workers who are on day release and work on jobs in the Darwin region.

Gerry says he also was hoping the bus service could also service Howard River Park and Howard Springs and the Inpex Village as the public bus service to that part of the rural area is very poor.

Gerry wrote to the Minister some time ago about the bus service but as yet has not received a reply. He says he thinks he now knows why!

Gerry says the bus service that was planned should happen and he calls on the government to reverse this backward decision.

Attached is a photo of one of the two public bus stops being built as seen on Tuesday this week.

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