Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says the Treasurer has outlined a budget which insults rural Territorians and spits in the face of their two local CLP members.

Gerry says that Litchfield with a population of over 20,000 has received practically nothing. The Freds Pass Reserve which is larger than Marrara, is used by thousands of people each week, and is desperately in need of some financial assistance has received **nothing** while millions have been poured into other sporting facilities in the Territory as highlighted in the budget.

He wants to know where is the money to help the cricket club, the soccer and rugby club and other sporting groups who are desperately trying to get basic things like toilets and change rooms. Are the youth that live in the rural area not counted as Territorians? It looks like it.

Gerry says what makes it worse is that the Government wants to put money into a sewerage pumping station for a Howard Springs Activity Centre that does not exist, has not been approved and is not supported by locals. Talk about adding insult to injury.

Gerry says that this budget looks like revenge on the local Member for Goyder because except for a small amount of money for Bees Creek School, her area which includes Freds Pass gets absolutely nothing.

He says it also means that the Government cares little about the Member for Daly’s seat as he also holds a seat which covers much of the rural area. Perhaps he has a few dollars up his sleeve but it can’t be much if it’s not in the budget papers.

While rural Territorians are treated with contempt by this Government the one thing they can be assured of, the seats of Goyder and Daly won’t be CLP at the next election if things don’t change.