Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says moves by the Government to redevelop the Chan Building into a museum/art gallery should be dropped and instead the Chan building should go.

Gerry says a proposal to increase the height of the building to nearly five stories does not take into account the two superior buildings in State Square, the Supreme Court and Parliament House.

These buildings are two of the finest buildings in the Territory and they should be protected from inappropriate development.

Adding to the Chan building which was once the temporary home of the Legislative Assembly makes no sense. It will dominate the skyline and take away from the other two buildings to their detriment. It would be better for the Chan Building to go so that both the frontages of the Supreme Court and Parliament are unimpeded especially looking along Mitchell Street or across from Smith Street.

Gerry says if we need a new museum or art gallery why not build at the other end of Mitchell Street on the old Hospital site. A fine building built on the site would bring that end of town back to life – it’s been too long left idle and unloved and this would be a great opportunity to do something special.