WHERE ARE THEY?

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says with the announcement of the new cabinet it seems that two major departments have disappeared or at least disappeared from view.

Gerry says that it is difficult to see what has happened to Department of Corrections Services and Local Government.

He says that with the Royal Commission dealing with the Don Dale issues you would have thought that Corrections would have been an important separate portfolio that had a specific Minister but nothing shows up on the list of Ministers unless it comes under Justice.

Gerry says Local Government seems to have disappeared into Community Development which is not the same a Local Government. Considering that Local Government is the third tier of Government then surely it should have been recognised as such by having a special portfolio. He wonders what local Councils think of the change.

He says if the Government can have an Assistant Minister for Bringing Back the Arafura Games and an A/Minister for a Vibrant Darwin CBD then surely Corrections and Local Government are a little bit more important and need separate portfolios.