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WILDMAN RIVER DEMOUNTABLES MOVED TO DARWIN PRISON

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says a contract in yesterday’s NT News asking for the removal of demountables from Wildman River Juvenile Detention Centre is proof that the Government has little interest in alternative strategies outside of Don Dale for youth detention.

Removal of the demountables signals the end of an era where young people in trouble were taken out bush to work, received some education, cooked for themselves, played a bit of sport and had time to think about where they were going away from the hassles and pressures of city light.

Gerry believes that more than ever, centres out bush should be established for young out bush especially in light of the government’s crackdown on gangs. Bored kids need something to do and centres out bush working on parks or cattle stations would be one way to change these kids around.

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