GOVERNMENT BACKING OUT OF ELECTION PROMISE?

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the NT Government’s lukewarm response to the Federal Government’s commitment to providing $13m to a radiation oncology unit gives the strong impression they are backing out of their election promise to build the unit.

Gerry says he asked Dr Toyne a question at the last Parliament. Dr Toyne said “We have written to the federal minister. We would hope that honest Dave Tollner, the member for Solomon, might be keeping his promise – and he staked his career on it – that he will get federal government support in behind this project. I think we are in a win-win situation. We will either get an oncology unit or we will get rid of Dave Tollner”

Gerry says that it appears the Federal Minister and Mr Tollner have got behind the project by offering $13m. The ball is now in Dr Toyne’s court and if he can’t fulfil he promise, using his own logic, he should go?

Gerry says that the radiation oncology unit is essential for this region and the NT Government should make it happen, not fiddle around.