Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the Chief Minister is wrong when she says gas is ‘a very green energy source’. It’s one thing to argue against nuclear power but to say gas is a very green alternative is just simply bunkum.

The facts are in the Environmental Assessment Report No 24 written by the Department of Lands and Planning in 1998 in relation to the LNG Plant in Darwin Harbour. It states that

The LNG Plant will be a major producer of greenhouse emissions, principally in the form of CO2.

In relation to the use of LPG in cars, according to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage, Australian Greenhouse Office, LPG produces 1.6kg of CO2 per litre of fuel used compared to petrol which produces 2.5kg of CO2. But the report says that

This is not the end of the story because it also matters how much fuel is consumed to travel a given distance. LPG has lower greenhouse greenhouse emissions per litre of fuel consumed than petrol, but also has a lower energy content. Therefore equivalent vehicles tend to consume more of LPG than to travel a given distance.

In relation to the manufacture of LPG, according to Exon Mobil’s Environment Report 2005, at Long Island in Victoria to produce LPG, 42KTonnes of CO2 emissions were produced in that year.

It is a furphy to say gas is ‘a very green energy source’ and it is pure scaremongering when the Chief Minister uses false information to push her anti nuke stance. It even gets worse when she says that a nuclear power plant was an option for south of Darwin. Once again she conveniently forgot to tell the public it was a nuclear reactor – quite a different matter.

Gerry says lets have the nuclear debate but it will be difficult whilst the Labor Government deliberately runs a scare campaign based on ideology and not on the facts.