Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says he would ask the government to put up a substantial reward in an attempt to recover the lost model aircraft that were stolen from Strauss Airstrip sometime between Thursday night and today.

Gerry says he was notified by a Livingstone resident that the planes had gone missing. Gerry then contacted Dave Ritchie from ENRITA who confirmed that the department had not removed them.

Gerry says that whoever stole these ‘aircraft’ is un Australian and does not deserve to be called Australian as the memorial at Strauss airstrip was built to remember the many soldiers and airman from many nations who fought and in many cases gave their lives to defend our country.

Strauss airstrip was named after one such person who gave his life. Capt Al Strauss from the US Army Airforce who was shot down and killed over Fannie bay not long after the first bombing of Darwin.

Gerry says that he will be staying with Judi Green and her family who are relatives of Capt Strauss when he visits Ohio in late July. That is one of the main reasons for the trip. He knows that they will be upset to hear of the theft of the memorial on Strauss Airstrip.

Gerry says anyone who knows of this theft should contact police, ENRITA or his Nelson electorate office on 89831302 – no questions asked.