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DEFENCE MUST HURRY NEW ENTRANCE TO ROBERTSON BARRACKS

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says a number of recent car accidents in the Knuckey Lagoon residential area associated with traffic to and from Robertson Barracks highlights the need for the Department of Defence to accelerate plans for a second access into the barracks.

Gerry says that one recent accident at about 2.30 on Saturday morning resulted in a vehicle ending up on a noise barrier in front of ex Parliamentarian, Tim Baldwin’s house. If the barrier had not been there the vehicle could have easily ended up crashing into the Baldwin’s house.

Gerry says that not only are the number of accidents causing concern but also the amount and speed of traffic passing through the residential area.

He said he recently had a meeting with the Department of Defence and the Federal Member for the area, Dave Tollner to discuss these issues and was told a second entrance to the barracks was being looked at as part of a master plan but if and when had not yet been established.

Gerry says the second entrance must become a priority and will be calling on the Federal Government and the NT Government to push for the finances to make it happen before someone is killed.

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