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A GOOD START TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, congratulates the Government for the passing of the Geothermal Energy Bill.

Gerry says the bill now sets out clearly the legislative framework for companies who wish to explore for geothermal energy.

He says geothermal energy is a low or no carbon emitting form of energy found in various heat sources within the earth’s crust. The problem is that it is expensive to develop and in places like Innamincka it is still in the development stage.

Gerry says Australia needs a mix of energy sources whether it is solar, wind, nuclear or clean coal (if that can ever happen) and geothermal.

Except for coal the Territory has these other sources of energy and each one will be important as the Territory grows and develops.

Gerry says he has been pushing the geothermal energy barrow for many years and is very happy to support the Government’s bill debated and passed in the Parliament today.

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