Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says rural residents have once again been shown to be second class Territorians with the announcement by the Government of the opening of the $17m wave pool.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson in announcing today the opening of the wave pool also mentioned the $5.2 upgrade at Leanyer Recreation Lake, the $16m Aquatic Centre in Alice Springs and the water fun park at Palmerston.

Gerry says that the 17 to 20,000 residents in the rural area have been offered $1.5m to build a pool which is about enough to dig the hole.

Gerry says it’s about time rural residents were treated fairly by the NT Government and were offered an equivalent and a realistic amount of money to build an aquatic centre in the rural area.

With all the discussion about crocodile attacks in the rural area isn’t there some responsibility on Government to provide a safe swimming venue for rural families?