SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTIAL LAND RELEASE AT ALICE SPRINGS AIRPORT

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says he will be writing to the Federal Minister expressing support for the concept of rural residential land development near Alice Springs airport put forward under the Alice Springs Draft Master Plan 2009.

Gerry says with the shortage of affordable land in Alice Springs the proposal under the 2009 Draft Master Plan makes good sense. It states in the Master Plan ‘a component of affordable housing (facilitated by the estimated low cost of headworks of only $12,000 per block when the Airport land is incorporated)’ is to be pursued.

Gerry says the development is outside the 20 ANEF noise contour which limits residential development near airports so one would expect few problems with this development.

But he says that the proposal has to be approved by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government subject to the major development plan process under the Airports Act.

Gerry says that in light of the land shortage in Alice Springs, he would urge the Minister to urgently speed up the process so that land can be released sooner rather than later.

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