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IF WE’VE GOT TO HAVE A JINGLE, KEEP IT LOCAL!

Gerry Wood Independent Member for Nelson says that if the Government believes we need a catchy tune or jingle to promote Statehood then it should be done by locals not someone from down south.

Gerry says with the amount of Territory musical expertise in the NT there should be no trouble in gathering together Territory composers and musicians to write and produce a home grown composition.

He says there are many talented people both Aboriginal and non Aboriginal musicians that could put together something catchy with a Territory flavour. The Saltwater Band, Skinnyfish Music, Ken Brodie are just a few of the many that could be involved.

Gerry says he doesn't know whose idea it was to employ someone from down south but it seems that that person is not Territory Proud - something that the Government says it believes in.

He says the Government should drop the southern influence and leave it to the locals.

As Gerry is on holidays at present please contact him on his mobile for further comment.