Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, said the Government and Power and Water should think outside the square and use certain infrastructure for tourism.

He says that the new water tower being constructed near the corner of Lambrick Avenue and the Stuart Highway is situated on one of the highest places in the region enabling views of Darwin city, Palmerston, Darwin Harbour, the Inpex plant and the rural area - not forgetting the sunsets.

Gerry says that the tower could be used as a public viewing platform either with a restaurant at the top or a restaurant on the ground to open up more possibilities.

He says with the tower so close to the Stuart Highway it would attract tourists and locals because there would be no other public place with such great views of the Darwin region.

He says the use of the tower would enable Power and Water to earn some revenue from a piece of infrastructure that will always need to be maintained and a commercial lease over the facility would help offset some of those costs.

Gerry says this could be a missed opportunity and the Government should take a leaf out of the book of the managers of Grouse Mountain Resorts in Vancouver Canada. They have installed a lift in a wind turbine which takes visitors up to a viewing platform from which you can see all of Vancouver.

He asks - Why can’t we do something similar and give people a unique experience?

Attached is the photo of the wind turbine