Cox Peninsula Meeting Says No To Local Government Business Plan

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says once again another community meeting has told the Government they don’t support the draft Business Plan.

It was put to about 25 Cox Peninsula residents at the public meeting by President Vic Stow whether they supported the business plan and all said ‘no’.

Gerry said other questions were put by the President to the meeting such as

- Should the Minister set the rates? – answer no
- Do you support the flat rate? – answer yes
- Do you support a community based local government reform process? – majority yes – 2 people didn’t want any reform process at all.
- Do you support a two year moratorium on the Government’s reform process? – answer yes
- Do you think the Minister should resign? – answer yes

Gerry says there needs to be an independent person going out into the communities to explain what is in these business plans because people have no idea what the Government is imposing on councils through these business plans – and we know the Government is not going consult as they don’t want real community involvement and their record so far is appalling.

Gerry Cox Peninsula people are opposed the Government’s reform process yet the Government refuses to listen or act.

This is now a case of a bloody minded Government showing how little it cares about democracy or proper governance of its people. They are not fit to govern.