KEEPING RURAL RURAL

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says rural residents who believe that the rural area should remain rural will be able to express their views at two upcoming meetings.

Gerry says that he has organised the meetings because the Government has not had the courtesy to include rural residents in any discussions about ‘Palmerston North’. He says the government simply made a Putin-like announcement saying it would happen – end of story!

Gerry says rural people deserve to be treated better than that, not just doormats for the CLP’s open for business and develop the north ideology.

He says it seems the Government just listens to a few of their mates who want to make money out of the rural area by cutting it up into small blocks or those who see it as an opportunity to collect more through local government rates. But instead they show by their behaviour that they do not understand rural people and why rural people are passionate about preserving a rural lifestyle.

Gerry says it also shows the CLP don’t care about their own plans announced before the last election which said nothing about ‘Palmerston North’ nor do they care about the Litchfield Land Use Objectives, they just break the rules to suit themselves.

Gerry says he has invited people from the Department of Infrastructure, Lands and Planning and Health to attend. So far only Health have given a positive reply with the Department of Lands and Planning saying the Planning Commission should come which is very strange considering the Chief Minister and the Minister for Planning made the announcement about Palmerston North, not the Planning Commissioner!

Gerry says there will be two meetings, one for Wallaby Holtze Road residents and one for Howard Springs residents and anyone else who would like to attend.

Meeting 1 will be at Melissa Purich’s residence at 205 Wallaby Holtze Road, Holtze. Time 6pm. Date Monday 7th July – please bring a chair.

Meeting 2 will be at Howard Hall, Howard Reserve, Whitewood Road – next to the Howard Springs Primary School. Time 6pm. Date Monday 14th July