MEMBER FOR GOYDER SHOULD RESIGN
AND BECOME INDEPENDENT

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says the announcement by Minister Tollner to approve a small lot subdivision in the middle of a rural living area in Bees Creek shows a Minister who has shown complete contempt for rural residents in the area and a total disregard for proper planning.

Gerry says that the Minister has not only thrown proper planning out the door, he has removed the normal requirements of 1 hectare blocks for a 2ha buffer and permitted urban sized blocks (4000sqm blocks) to be built outside of a district centre.

Gerry said it was clear from what the local residents had said loudly, when this development was first proposed, that they did not want this type of non-rural development in their back yards. Something smells about this approval.

The Minister obviously has granted what the developer wanted in the usual CLP style, regardless of what residents think, regardless of what the plan for the rural area allows and regardless of the views of the local member Kezia Purick.

Gerry says that this is a slap in the face to the local member.

He says that if that is the way her own Government treats her and the people in her electorate she should carry out what she says on the sticker on her car –

*I LIVE RURAL- so DON’T MESS WITH ME.*

Gerry says the one way to do that is to leave the party and become a rural independent.