MEDIA RELEASE

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DON’T TREAT RURAL TERRITORIANS LIKE FOOLS

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson says that the Planning Commission and the Minister have just released a plan for Activity Centres in the rural area as part of the Litchfield Sub Regional Plan that has exactly the same outcomes as the draft Sub Regional Plans, a plan that was not supported by rural residents.

The Commission has tried to con the people in the rural area that it has listened to the concerns about the size of the Activity Centres by pretending to reduce the size of the Activity Centres.

Well that’s what they hope you would think at first glance.

In actual fact they have kept the original super large Activity Centres and divided them into two sections— an inner and an outer. The inner has a red border and the outer has a red dotted border and that border is exactly the same as the original Activity Centre boundary. – see maps attached.

The outer areas have potentially the same number of 4000sqm blocks or 1 acre blocks in the new plan as in the original plan – 875 blocks to be precise.

The Planning Commission says that that developers will have a choice to subdivide between 1ha and 4000sqm in these outer areas but Gerry says no developer is going to develop 1ha blocks when he/she can subdivide and into 4000sq blocks. This plan will turn rural into suburbs.

Gerry says rural people aren’t fooled by this sleight of hand by the Planning Commission. They know they are being conned. The Planning Commission wants to break the minimum rural lot size from 1ha to 4000sqm against the wishes of the people – see petition.

As for other changes that residents wanted, nothing doing. Calls for some positive changes have fallen on deaf ears.

It’s time for a new rural Planning Commission where rural people are represented not ignored!
Draft Litchfield sub Regional Plan for Humpty Doo (Activity Centre) – 875 non rural residential blocks – note red boundary (February)
New Litchfield sub Regional Plan for Humpty Doo Activity Centre– 875 non rural blocks – note dotted line and yellow shading (April)

There’s no difference
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OVER 2000 PEOPLE SIGN AGAINST
SUBURBANISATION OF THE RURAL AREA

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says a petition circulating in the rural area has already collected over 2000 signatures in 2 weeks.

The petition requests the Government leaves the minimum lot size for the Rural Residential Zone (RR) to 1 hectare and block sizes of 4000 sq m should be given a new zone, Large Urban (LU), and confined to Village centres only.

Gerry says he will continue to oppose the Government’s plans as these will completely destroy the rural living option.

The alternative will be 7000 suburban blocks in a rural area something that is more suitable for Weddell rather than Litchfield.

Gerry says that Kezia Purich (Member for Goyder) and Gerry will be at the Freds Pass Show asking people to sign the petition and keep pressure on the Government to scrap these plans and bring out a plan based on sensible rural development.