MORE BUREAUCRACY, LESS SERVICE

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the move by Litchfield Council to close the local Howard Springs Rubbish Transfer Station to only 4 days a week and shorten the hours on the days it is open will not go over well with ratepayers.

He says that the news has not been well publicised and can only be found on the Council’s web page if you know where to look.

Gerry says ratepayers are going to start wondering about the reason for the council’s existence when it has rejected the swimming pool, stopped a subdivision going ahead because it (the Council) refuses to manage Girraween lagoon, and now it is reducing the opening times for the local transfer station.

Gerry says that since 2000 the council has increased staff numbers by nearly 300% and ratepayers should be asking why. It seems what used to be a council that prided itself on low regulation and sticking to the basics has turned into a bureaucracy.

Ratepayers should be asking where their rates are going – roads, rates and rubbish – or bums on seats.