WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HOWARD SPRINGS (NORTH) DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT?

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says there are strong rumour going around that the Department of Defence is going to close one or both Defence facilities in Howard Springs formerly know as Kowandi North and Kowandi South.

Gerry says that he has noticed a large number of towers lying on the ground recently which seem to give credence to the rumour. (see attached photographs of towers on the ground at the Howard Springs Kowandi North Site)

He says that if this is the case, it opens up the possibility of more land becoming available for rural residential development. His big concern is that the Government planners will attempt to turn this part of the rural area into suburbia and before we know it, Howard Springs will be part of Palmerston, something Gerry believes many rural would fight.

Gerry says the Department of Defence should say if they are closing the sites and what is their intention for the future use of this land.