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RURAL ANGER AT GOVERNMENT CUTS

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says in just two days over a thousand people have signed a petition opposing the closure of the Humpty Doo Fire Station and nearly 800 have signed another petition asking for the funding for the Litchfield Swimming Pool and the Freds Pass Reserve to be restored.

Gerry says many people are angry about the way rural people are being treated by the new Government and many are saying they will not forget at the next election.

He says the petition will be running for at least two more weeks and they can be seen at Humpty Doo, Coolalinga and Howard Springs Shopping Centres and will be at the Coolalinga Markets this weekend.

Gerry said just to add salt to the wounds the Government removed the ‘Proposed Swimming Pool’ sign on the Stuart Highway at Coolalinga leaving the two posts as a symbol of their decision (picture attached)

Gerry says he is disappointed that the Litchfield Council has been so reluctant to support a call for the funding decision to be reversed considering they have now lost $2.7m that was earmarked for their own Freds Pass Reserve. He said part of that money was to upgrade the shed earmarked for a indoor recreation centre but that won’t happen now and not a squeak of protest from the Council.