Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson says today is the beginning of the Government’s and Planning Commission’s pathetic agenda to turn rural into suburb.

He says the application by Intrapac, a southern development company, to develop and rezone land on Koolpinyah Station at Lloyd Creek (Noonamah Ridge) has been advertised in today’s paper.

Gerry says this application is not supported by the rural community. It is only supported by the landowner, the developer and the Planning Commission.

Surveys from public meetings have shown overwhelming opposition to this development yet neither the Government nor the Planning Commissions don’t give a rats – they have an agenda which they had in the beginning and have not changed it one iota regardless of the views of rural residents.

He says this development should be in Weddell. It is a fine looking development but it is in the wrong place as can be seen by its recent application for a bore water supply because the development is too far from the town water supply.

Gerry says putting 16,000 people on mainly suburban blocks on land that should have about 4000 people if it remained rural shows a complete disregard for our rural plans, the rural people and the future of the rural area.

The land should be developed as originally planned ie 2ha and 8ha blocks with a small activity centre on Townend Road.

This is about a big company from the south wanting to put a suburb in the rural area on land owned by a big land owner and proudly supported by the anti-rural Planning Commission and Government.

Gerry says he will oppose this plan and hopes that Kezia Purick and Gary Higgins, the other rural members will also take up the fight.

If this development goes ahead then the rural area will never be the same. Go to Weddell!