THE MESSAGE WAS CLEAR TO ME –
BUT WILL THE MINISTER HEAR IT?

“Respect our families, respect our lifestyles, and respect our commitment to this town”, was the message Loraine Braham says she heard loud and clear at today’s Development Consent Authority meeting concerning the demountables for temporary accommodation.

“We have invested in our businesses and homes. We are not short term residents such as those people who come in from bush”.

“The demountables will only encourage people to leave their communities and bring their problems into town”.

“Why spend millions of dollars on temporary accommodation? The money should be spent in communities where it is needed”.

Mrs Braham said there were still many questions unanswered:
- Who will monitor the use of the demountables?
- Who will be able to fulfil the requirements of the management proposal?
- Will Aboriginal people from different clans camp together?
- Will government compensate businesses for land devaluations?
- What analysis has been done on the environmental impact?
- What will be the effect of Stuart Lodge?

“Minister, listen to the people”.

“Those who are here for the long haul should be given every opportunity to have their lifestyle and livelihood protected”.

“Show that you respect them and don’t approve the development”.

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