CRANKY AT MARRAKAI/_CORROBOREEE

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says residents of the Marrakai – Corroboree area held a meeting last night (22/03/07) to discuss the proposed changes to local government.

They were not happy.

Firstly because they wanted to stay as they are and secondly because they had not been informed about what was going on.

Local resident Rose Christie organised the meeting. She had been asked to be a representative on a transition committee and says it was only by accident that she received a phone call from someone in government asking her to attend.

Gerry says that Rose like others in the community was unaware of the Government’s plans for their area. People at the meeting had many questions but because the government had not informed them of what was going on, they were upset and felt they had been left in the dark.

Gerry says that this meeting highlights the fact that the Government has not informed people about what is going or informed people about what effect these new councils will have on their existing communities.

Gerry says that the government appears to be using the motto of ‘what they don’t know want hurt them’ and treating the community as unimportant when it comes to the amalgamation process.

If amalgamation is to succeed then the government should have been organising public meetings months ago, instead it’s hoped this amalgamation process would just fall into place.

People are cranky and the government has only got itself to blame for the flak they are copping.