GOOD NEWS FOR LITCHFIELD RESIDENTS

Despite a bit of ducking and weaving, little blood was let today in Parliament when Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, spoke at length on his motion calling on the Government to allow Litchfield Shire Council to continue operations at the dump until a more suitable site can be found.

"Although the Minister for the Environment said she would not support my motion, she has written to Council to say that the Government may consider extending the life of the current dump reliant on Council ensuring certain conditions", said Gerry.

"Naturally, a permanent location is preferable but the Minister for Planning and Lands said it may take up to 18 months for the environment and technical assessments to be completed on a new site".

"That's a long time ahead but I appreciate the government has not closed the door on this issue and wants to work with Litchfield Shire Council to find a solution".

Gerry thanked both Ministers for their contribution to the discussion in Parliament.

"However, it is a pity the Members for Goyder and Daly were silent in the debate despite rural residents comprising a significant proportion of their electorates".

"It's good to be Independent".