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MRM ‘DECISION’ MAKES THE NT LOOK LIKE A JOKE

Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says that the Government’s ‘decision’ on McArthur River Mine highlights what he’s been saying all along, that the process was flawed and the only science used in this debate was political science not real science.

The Government’s non decision about whether the mine should or should not go ahead indicates the government is amateurish when it comes to dealing with the process and the science required to make proper decisions about large scale development proposals.

The word will now spread amongst investors that obtaining approval for projects is a bit of a lottery.

Gerry feels that there needs to be the inquiry, perhaps by the Sessional Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, to look into
- the processes used by the EPA,
- the basis of the EPA decision not to approve the mine,
- the accuracy of the Minister’s statement that the decision was based on science,
- the role of the EPA and its relationship with the Department of the Environment
- and what changes need to be made to the Environment Assessment Act to make sure this assessment debacle is not repeated.

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