Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the government’s use of the word EPA has put confusion into the public’s minds.

On one hand the Government is saying they are setting up an independent EPA, then they say an EPA will take on most functions of the former Office of Environment and Heritage, then the EPA program will support the EPA board, then they comment on development issues like the McArthur River project using the EPA logo even though an EPA has not been set up.

But Gerry says it has all been made clear after listening in estimates to the Minister for NRETA when she said: *We have an EPA program that is an agency within a program within a greater agency.*

Gerry says that it now appears there are two EPAs – one as part of the Department and the second, as yet to be formed, independent EPA. No wonder business and the public are confused.

Gerry says that perhaps it could all best be described in song with apologies to Andrew Lloyd Webber and the people of Argentina

Don’t cry for me NRETA
The truth is I’m not confused
You kept your promise
An EPA (Or is it two?)
I’m now confused?
I’ll ring your office

*cessi fors gallinarum sed surgo*