RESIDENTS BEING DELIBERATELY STUFFED AROUND

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says residents of flooded blocks on Pelly/Lorikeet Roads in Herbert are becoming p*......d off with the Department of Lands and Planning. That flooding occurred in Jan 2011!

Gerry says he believes the Department is deliberately trying to stop the release of the Ombudsman’s report into the flooded blocks by asking for an extension of time to respond to the report.

The draft report was released on the 19th April for comment, nearly 5 weeks ago.

Gerry says the Department is also pretending to be in negotiation with land owners by sending letters to the owners about compensation for a drain. The Department already sent out letters previously and the offer was rejected by the landowners. This is another tactic to stall the release of the report.

The Minister should step in and tell CEO Dave Ritchie to immediately respond by Monday.

Gerry believes the landowners have been strung out deliberately by the Department in the hope that they would give up.

He says the land owners are determined to see this through until there is a fair and just outcome.