Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says he welcomes moves by the Government to open up more land for industrial development but he says the Government needs to urgently do the same in Humpty Doo.

Gerry says there is a desperate need for Stage 2 of the Spencely Road Industrial Estate in Humpty Doo to be developed as already one road contractor has been ordered to move from his land and two other contractors have applied for exceptional development permits, all because there is no industrial land available in the rural area.

Gerry said the previous Government did a report on industrial land at Humpty Doo but seemed to baulk at the cost but Gerry says the cost can be reduced by not including reticulated sewerage and instead use on site effluent disposal.

Gerry says two things are holding back industrial development in the rural area
- The shortage of industrial land
- And the high cost of industrial land

He says until something is done more businesses will try and operate illegally from rural blocks which will only cause disputation amongst neighbours.