Gerry Wood, Independent Member for Nelson, says that the government should not be using the name Environment Protection Agency as we do not have one.

Last year the sessional committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development put forward a number of options for an EPA. None of these options has been taken up by the government.

Gerry says that instead the government has created an interim board of the EPA and to make matters more confusing has called the Environment Department the EPA. Letter heads are now emblazoned with the EPA logo.

Gerry says this makes a mockery of the whole concept of an EPA which was to be independent of government but we now have the name EPA established as the new name for a government department.

Gerry says this is confusing and is misleading to the public. If people thought that an independent EPA was commenting on the McArthur River EIS they were wrong, it was the government under the guise of an EPA.

Gerry says the government should not use the term EPA until an independent EPA is established.