



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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## **CARAVAN PARK LEGISLATION CHANCE FOR GOVERNMENT PAYBACK**

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Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says whilst he doubted that he would gain support from the Government for his Residential Parks Act debated this week in Parliament, he was surprised at the way it used that opposition as a chance to get back at him for opposing the Local Government Reform process.

Gerry says that both the ALP and the CLP have both stated publicly in the past that there needs to be some legislation to cover those who live in caravan parks but there was no support shown for the legislation put forward in Parliament this week.

Gerry says he even though he knew the Government would not have supported the bill they could have shown that they supported the reasons behind the legislation – to set out the rights and responsibilities of both owners and long term caravan park residents.

But no, what they did was use the time in Parliament to get back at Gerry because he is now seen by the Government as the reason Elliot McAdam resigned. The boots and all attack by the Government was a deliberate strategy as they attempted to show that Gerry had not consulted with Caravan Park owners over this legislation – something not borne out by the facts. This was to counter Gerry's argument that the Government had not consulted with the people in relation to Local Government Reform.

Gerry says what this strategy showed is we now have a Labor Party Government who cares little for the battlers, many of whom live in caravan parks and more about revenge and the solidarity of the party as it sticks up for one of its own.

Labor has lost its principles - it now only worries about big business, the financial market and the winning the next election. The battlers are irrelevant.

*Cessi foro gallinarum sed surgo*