

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of Certain citizens of Australia

draws to the attention of the House:

The Department of Human Services intentions to close the only Medicare office in Ipswich in November 2014. Currently located at Riverlink Shopping Centre, which is the major shopping Centre in the district and provides car parking for over 2500 vehicles and contains a Bus Interchange for easy access for all residents within Ipswich. The proposed location is to merge Medicare with the Centrelink office which provides limited parking and amenities for the public.

We therefore ask the House to:

Reconsider the Departments decision and not close the current Medicare office. Keep the office within the hub of the CBD and Riverlink Shopping Centre, which provides facilities to Medicare clients and accommodates the 8 million visitors to Riverlink every year.