

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

**This petition of:** residents, ratepayers and supporters of the Shire of Towong,

**Draws to the attention of the House:** that 2016 marks sixty years since Tallangatta was relocated to accommodate the expansion of Lake Hume.

Tallangatta has enormous potential to be a vibrant, sustainable town however much of its infrastructure is in poor condition due to a lack of investment at the time the town was relocated.

In 2012 Towong Shire Council undertook an extensive planning project called '*Tallangatta Tomorrow*' to identify how Tallangatta could secure a vibrant future and reach its potential as a prosperous regional town. To date, Council has delivered several projects from '*Tallangatta Tomorrow*' totalling \$10m.

The final stage of '*Tallangatta Tomorrow*' will secure Tallangatta's long term viability. '*Destination Tallangatta*', a \$5.3m project will deliver key infrastructure, create links between new and existing infrastructure within the town, drive business investment and reinvigorate the central business district.

Council has committed \$2.52m to the project.

*'Destination Tallangatta'* will deliver significant economic benefits to the region, including almost 100 full-time jobs and an economic boost of over \$10m during construction. Post-construction economic benefits will total over \$5m annually plus 51 new full time jobs.

**We therefore ask the House to:** request the Australian Government to contribute \$2.66m for infrastructure improvements, as outlined in Towong Shire Council's National Stronger Regions Fund application "*Destination Tallangatta*" to create a prosperous and sustainable Tallangatta for the next sixty years and beyond.