

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

Petition for the Protection of the Pumicestone Passage

This petition is from concerned citizens of Australia and others from the wider international community.

We wish to convey to the House and Minister Burke our concern for the deteriorating health of the Pumicestone Passage, a RAMSAR listed wetland of international significance. This area already has documented evidence of environmental degradation. We believe that the proposed Caloundra South Development, of 25 000 homes, will have further significant impacts on the ecosystem of the Pumicestone Passage and its catchment.

We therefore ask the House to call upon Minister Burke to work with the QLD State Government to conduct a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Pumicestone Passage and its catchments under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. This Assessment should closely scrutinise all land use both current and proposed for its impact on the ecological health of the Pumicestone Passage and its catchment. We believe the Minister should then use the information gained to set mandatory environmental standards that will apply to all future development and any alteration of present land usage in this area.