

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

This petition of the residents of the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales draws to the attention of the house, the proposed Casino to Ipswich Gas Pipeline in northeast New South Wales, which is currently being assessed under both state Environmental Planning legislation and the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

We, the petitioners, request that the house reject this proposal, as we feel it is an inappropriate development for our region and will have a range of negative impacts on our World Heritage Areas, farmlands, waterways and local communities.

Furthermore, as the proposal in its current form would pass through the Gondwana Rainforests World Heritage Area we believe that the Australian government is neglecting its responsibility as a signatory to the World Heritage Convention to protect the World Heritage values of this area. We believe the government has a duty, at the very least, to assess the impacts of the proposed pipeline on the World Heritage Property and *we request that you broaden the current assessment process to include these possible impacts.*

We feel compelled to take this matter up with the IUCN and UNESCO as the Australian government does not appear to be fulfilling its international obligation to properly protect our World Heritage places.