

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

We, the residents and health professionals of the Bass Coast area, seek to draw to the attention of the House a request for consideration of the inclusion of Wonthaggi as a site for the new headspace youth mental health centres planned for expansion under the Budget of 2011. This is one of the fastest growing areas in Victoria and this rapid growth coupled with lack of social outlets for young people has created problems such as social isolation, depression and drug dependency. However services in the Shire to assist youth remain extremely limited. These young people and the community are suffering. We ask that the House do all in its power to assist us in having our town nominated for inclusion in the new round of centres to be place in rural communities.