

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

This petition of citizens of Australia who travel in the Gippsland region, **draws to the attention of the House** the inadequate condition of the Princes Highway between Sale and the New South Wales border.

In particular we note:

- Accident rates that indicate the Princes Highway in Gippsland is one of the state's most dangerous roads. From April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2009, there were 314 crashes reported on the Princes Highway east with 497 people injured and 28 people killed;
- Insufficient overtaking lanes;
- Concerns over the poor road surface, lack of shoulders and inadequate rest areas;
- An RACV assessment of highways in Gippsland found that most sections of road were an unacceptable standard for a national highway.

We therefore ask the House to support the adding of the Princes Highway east of Sale to the National Road Network to give it access to Federal Government funding.