

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

This petition of the Lakeside Pakenham Bendigo Community Bank on behalf of local residents in the Pakenham district in the state of Victoria, Electoral Division of McMillan, draws to the attention of the House:

The urgent need for a Post Office Licence to be granted within the Lakeside Estate in Pakenham.

We therefore ask the House to:

Consider this application, as the nearest Post Office is located 3.5kms from the Lakeside Estate at Pakenham Main Street, where parking is difficult in addition to constant long queues for service. Pakenham's population has risen from 20,484 in 2006 to 36,148 in 2011 and is forecast to reach 50,919 by 2016 for which one Post Office is not sufficient. The Lakeside Pakenham Estate, with a population of 6,500+, and surrounding estates are growing rapidly each week so the need for a new Post Office in the Lakeside Estate is crucial to keep up with demand.