

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

This petition of residents of Pakenham and surrounding district in the state of Victoria, Electoral Division of McMillan, draws to the attention of the House:

1. The lack of a Medicare Office in the Pakenham community and the hardship this imposes on local residents.
2. At the 2001 Census Pakenham had a population of 17,397 in 2006 that population had grown to 27,787. Since the year 2001, population growth within Pakenham has accounted for nearly 90% of the total growth experienced in Cardinia Shire.
3. There is a significant proportion of the population in receipt of pensions, carers' allowances and parenting payments who need to access Medicare refunds in a more timely manner
4. The nearest Medicare offices are Fountain Gate and Warragul and with the increase in new housing estates in both Pakenham and Officer the demands on these offices will be significant.

We therefore ask the House to do all in its power to ensure that a Medicare Office be located in the township of Pakenham: