

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

**This petition of** citizens of Australia, **draws to the attention of the House** the urgent need for Federal Government investment at Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH).

Gippsland some of the poorest health outcomes in Victoria and demand at LRH is expected to increase due to an ageing population locally and growth predictions in the region of 13 per cent over the next 10 years.

Despite the fantastic efforts of staff, facilities at LRH fall well below existing standards and are not adequate to meet the needs of the local community.

**We therefore ask the House of Representatives to** recognise the importance of Latrobe Regional Hospital's application for \$65 million through the Federal Government's Health and Hospitals Fund and support the establishment of new and improved health facilities for Gippsland and Latrobe Valley residents.