To: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland

The petition of electors of the Division of Burnett draws to the attention of the House that all Queensland children deserve access to quality education within their own community, and with respect to the Communities of Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy that:

1) Significant numbers of our children (more than 100) are forced to travel by bus for 2-4 hours each day to access secondary education outside our community because Agnes Water does not have a high school.

2) Significant numbers of children and their families leave our community because there is no high school, causing harm and damage to the economic and social growth of our community. In 2009 survey data 40% of respondents indicate that when their children reach high school age they will leave town and relocate to somewhere that has a school within its community.

3) Having secondary school education available within our local community would enable and support the best educational, environmental, social and economic well-being of Agnes Water students, families and the broader community. 100% of 2009 survey respondents say that if Agnes Water had a high school they would use it.

4) Education Queensland's own figures also prove that the Agnes Water community is the heart of a high growth coastal area, and that our children will continue to travel significant distances in the future if a high school is not built locally.

Your petitioners therefore request the House to establish a public State Secondary School in Agnes Water.

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