

# STOP THE GOV'T FROM POPULATING THE LIFE OUT OF SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND!!

**GIVEN A CHOICE** would you **STOP THE STATE GOVERNMENT** from **massively increasing South East Queensland's population?** Fill out the **attached submission** and **HAVE YOUR SAY!** (Postage is free.)

The State Government's **Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-31** responds to development industry pressure by forcing **735,000** new dwellings to be built for **another 1.3 million** people, bringing South East Queensland's **'target'** population to **4.4 million** (the size of Sydney!) by 2031 or sooner. These dwellings are to be built on remaining open land/ greenfield sites & squeezed into existing urban areas. South East Queensland is already under huge stress; another 1.3 million people will **worsen the problems** already threatening our quality of life:

- a million more cars on an already crippled road network
- thousands more commuters added to an already overloaded transport system
- massive increased demand on our collapsing hospital & health systems
- more competition for already unaffordable housing
- skyrocketing demands on our failing water supply
- escalating demands on our carbon-generating coal-fired energy supply
- escalating demands on the already depleted Moreton Bay fishery
- more habitat taken from our struggling koalas & other unique wildlife

For more information - [www.gecko.org.au](http://www.gecko.org.au)

Sponsors: Sunshine Coast Environment Council, Gold Coast & Hinterland Environment Council, Nerang Community Association, Queensland Conservation Council, Sustainable Population Australia, Wildlife Queensland & CARP-Redlands



**Clip, Sign & Send this Submission by 31 March 2009** 

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Department of Infrastructure & Planning  
Regional Plan Review  
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Dear Sir/ Madam

South East Queensland (SEQ) is already under severe stress due to overpopulation. All our major problems are due to having more people in the Region than the natural & man-made resources can support. The population must be stabilised, not forced to increase. I make/ support my submission under the following headings of the Draft SEQ Regional Plan 2009-31:

**PART D Section 1: Sustainability & Climate Change**

1. Overpopulation & overconsumption of the world's resources are the root cause of Climate Change; SEQ must lead the way by stabilising its population & reducing our negative impact.

**PART D Section 2: Natural Environment**

2. SEQ's biodiversity is among the highest in Australia; population growth is threatening koalas & other wildlife with extinction; protect our remaining open space for wildlife & public recreation.

**PART D Section 3: Regional Landscape & Section 5: Rural Futures**

3. All SEQ's remaining open space, farms & bushlands must be protected for future generations.

**PART D Section 4: Natural Resources**

4. Overpopulation / overfishing is causing the collapse of the Moreton Bay fishery; the commercial & recreational fishery will collapse entirely if the population is allowed to grow further.

**PART D Section 6: Strong Communities**

5. Overpopulation is destroying the identity of individual towns, villages & communities; community spirit & traditional bonds are being lost; community services cannot keep pace with the demand.

**PART D Section 8 & 9: Smart Growth / Economic Development**

6. Basing the Region's economic wellbeing on building houses equates to offering the people of SEQ full employment aboard the Titanic; we need new jobs in green, 21<sup>st</sup> century industries.

**PART D Section 10: Infrastructure**

7. We can't afford to provide hospitals, schools, transport, water & energy to an endlessly growing population; stabilise the population & strive to meet the needs of the people who are here now!

**PART D Section 11: Water Management**

8. Don't ask us to reduce water consumption to increase the population; conserve the water we are able to save for a future time of drought as we know Climate Change is drying SEQ & Australia.

**PART D Section 12: Integrated Transport**

9. Our roads, trains & buses are overloaded & failing now; transport systems will collapse under another 1.3 million people; we simply cannot afford to build the infrastructure for this many.

10. Part F- Regulatory Provisions must be rewritten to protect the environment.

Yours faithfully,

(signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mr/ Mrs/ Ms \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

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