PETITION

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD ON THE TAMAR SILT PROBLEM!

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned:

Citizens of Tasmania draws to the attention of the House

1) The heavily silted state of Home Reach in the Tamar River and the effect of this excessive silt built up
   a) The visual amenity of Launceston City particularly for Trevallyn residents;
   b) The threat to the economy of Launceston including employment losses that further siltation will trigger; and
   c) The loss of the recreational amenity of rowing and sailing in Home Reach which has historically been a feature of living in Launceston.
2) Apparent lack of political will to address the immediate and long-term dredging needs in Home Reach

Your Petitioners therefore pray that the House:

Call on the State Labor Government to immediately:

1) Provide the $1m recently promised to the Launceston Flood Authority to recommence channel dredging.
2) Recommit to its 2010 Election promise to provide $6m to establish a program to remove the excessive silt and continue an annual maintenance dredging program.
3) Provide for continual improvement in catchment management techniques to minimise where possible the amount of silt flowing into Home Reach.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

Name	Signature	Address

When completed, please return to: **Mr Michael Ferguson MP**, Liberal Member for Bass, 4th Floor, Henty House, Launceston or call 6336 2427 for collection of petitions. Please return by 1 March 2011.
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