

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

This petition signed by the friends of Bedourie, a town in the Diamantina Shire Council in the Channel Country region in south west Queensland....

Draws to the attention of the House that currently the town of Bedourie shares the same post code as the town of Boulia which is located 200 kilometres north and is in the Boulia Shire Council boundary. Bedourie is in the Diamantina Shire Council boundary which covers an area of 95,000 square kilometres and is the second largest Shire within Queensland. The Shires' Administration Centre is located in Bedourie and employs 70 of the 140 local residents. The Diamantina Shire communities are experiencing sustainable growth and due to this population increase the number of residential houses has increased by 18.5% over the past two years. Bedourie also forms a major part of the outback history dating back to the 1880s and receives over 120,000 visitors to the area each year. Bedourie is also home to the famous Bedourie Campoven.

We therefore ask the House to call on Australia Post under the Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989 to allocate the town of Bedourie with a unique post code of its own in order for the town to secure its own identity and be recognised as an historic and growing community within Queensland and Australia. We also call upon the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy to support the town of Bedourie in its request for a postcode.