



Hon Craig Wallace MP  
Member for Thuringowa

Ref CTS 05639/07

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Mr N J Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
Cnr Alice and George Streets  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 19 April 2007 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 802-07 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the House alter the name of Weyba Downs, serviced by Murdering Creek Road only, to Peregian Beach West.

The Department of Natural Resources and Water is currently revising all locality boundaries within the Shire of Maroochy, in accordance with the *Place Names Act 1994*. During the preliminary consultation phase, the Weyba Downs concerns were raised by the Peregian West Community Association.

At that time, the Peregian West Community Association submitted a proposal to excise an area from the existing Weyba Downs to create a new locality of Peregian Beach in the Maroochy Shire. The submission was not supported by the Maroochy Shire Council, Australia Post, Department of Emergency Services or my department, as Peregian Beach is already an approved locality in the adjoining Shire of Noosa. Maroochy Shire Council, Australia Post and the Department of Emergency Services, oppose the creation of a new locality with Peregian in the name.

The objective of the department's place naming policy is to avoid the use of duplicate place names wherever possible, particularly place names used in addressing such as suburb and locality names.

However, should the petitioners wish to pursue a proposed name change, they may choose to make another application in 2008, after the Caloundra City and Maroochy and Noosa Shire Councils have merged.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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