COMMUNITY PETITION

“It Takes a Town to Be a Town”: Create the Minnie Water & Yuraygir Accessible Coastal Sanctuary Ahead of Brisbane 2032+

ADDRESSED TO:

- Kevin Hogan MP (Federal Member for Page)
- Richie Williamson MP (State Member for Clarence)
- Clarence Valley Council (Interim Administrator John Rayner PSM)
- NSW Minister for Environment & National Parks
- Brisbane 2032 Olympic & Paralympic Legacy Committee

“It takes a town to be a town. Welcome to the family.”

Across regional New South Wales, two urgent needs are crying out for a practical, community-led solution:

Wild Brumbies, retired racing greyhounds, and rescued horses urgently need safe, permanent coastal and rural sanctuary land where they are protected and cared for with dignity.

People living with autism / Asperger’s Syndrome, sensory disabilities, chronic pain, and trauma urgently need quiet, low-sensory coastal sanctuaries where they can heal, learn hands-on skills, and belong—without being pushed into noisy, overcrowded city systems.

Ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we call on Federal, State, and Local leaders to partner with **Save the Brumbies Inc.**, disability advocates, and local Clarence Valley communities to establish the **Minnie Water & Yuraygir Accessible Coastal Sanctuary & Neurodiverse Retreat**.

What This Sanctuary Will Deliver for Our Region

Permanent Sanctuary & Rehoming Land: Dedicated coastal/hinterland sanctuary paddocks and rehabilitation facilities for Brumbies, retired racing greyhounds, and rescued horses in partnership with Save the Brumbies Inc. and local equine practitioners.

Low-Sensory Nature Therapy & Youth Mentoring: Safe, structured equine and animal-care programs led by accredited trade, safety, and animal-welfare mentors—giving children and adults on the autism spectrum a calm coastal environment to build real-world confidence and life skills.

Regional Jobs & Legacy Tourism: Sustainable local employment, eco-therapy tourism, and accessible coastal infrastructure that leaves a lasting legacy for the Clarence Valley long after 2032.

We believe regional communities thrive when nobody—and no animal—is left behind.

It takes a town to be a town. Welcome to the family.

Sign and share this petition to stand with Save the Brumbies, neurodiverse Australians, and the Clarence Valley community in bringing the Minnie Water & Yuraygir Coastal Sanctuary to life!