

Sunshine State left a disgrace

QUEENSLAND is the most littered mainland state, with cigarette butts our biggest disgrace, according to the latest Keep Australia Beautiful figures.

The Sunshine State is 15 percent higher than the national average, with Tasmania the only worse performer.

Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland chief executive Rick Burnett, said it was time for a new campaign to change the culture of litterers.

"It is a lazy and thoughtless habit, that has far-reaching consequences for the environment,"

Burnett said.

He said talks were under way with State Environment and Sustainability Minister Kate Jones about a new publicity and media campaign to change the behaviour of serial litterers.

"Cigarette butts are Queensland's disgrace," Burnett said.

"We are nearly 20 per cent above the national average for butts being dropped on the ground."