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Time to clean up our act

MACKAY needs to do its part to help Queensland lose the unsavoury title of being the country's most littered mainland state.

According to the latest Keep Australia Beautiful figures the Sunshine State is 15 per cent higher than the national average when it comes to littering, with Tasmania the only worse performer. Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland chief executive officer Rick Burnett said it was time for a new awareness campaign to change the culture of Queenslanders who litter.

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

The poor Queensland performance is highlighted in the release of the Keep Australia Beautiful National Litter Index compiled annually by McGregor Tan Research, which audits litter twice yearly at 1067 sites across Australia.