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ROADS, BEACONSFIELD :

PETITION TO ADMINISTRATOR IN COUNCIL.

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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
October 6, 1881.



To His Excellency SIR JOHN HENRY LEFROY, Administrator of  
the Government of Tasmania, in Council.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Township and Goldfield of Beaconsfield  
and vicinity,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. That your Petitioners fairly represent a population of about Two thousand souls directly engaged or interested in Gold Mining.

2. That this Goldfield, in addition to the ordinary revenue from the population noted (Cl. 1), has paid and is paying to the Treasury large sums of money under various heads, as rent of gold mining leases, sale of township land, miners' rights, dividend tax, business licences, wood carters' licences, &c.

3. That your Petitioners are burdened and harassed by the fact that there is no road on which it is possible to travel or convey goods with ease, safety, or economy—1, from the township to a point on the river or arm; and 2, from hence to Launceston along the west bank of the Tamar. Your Excellency in Council may judge how this hardship bears on a working people, when we state that the cost per ton for cartage of goods from Bowin's Jetty up (2 miles) is eight to ten shillings.

4. Your Petitioners also respectfully point out that the state of Weld-street (our main thoroughfare) is in places very bad, that side-walks and drains are defective or non-existent, that sanitary conditions are unknown, and the conservancy of public safety left to chance. Along the main street are dangerous open drains, and throughout the Goldfield unfenced chasms, cuttings, and shafts abound.

5. Your Petitioners respectfully lay their case before your Excellency in Council, and pray that the serious evils complained of may have early consideration and remedy.

6. And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 235 Signatures.]