

### **Sunshine Coast launch of Coalition's campaign against forced mergers**

The State Coalition chose Peregian Beach this morning to launch its renewed campaign against Labor's forced council amalgamations.

Coalition Leader Jeff Seeney said the Sunshine Coast component of the campaign launch was a rallying call for residents to step-up the fight against Labor's forced mergers.

"Everyone hoped Premier Bligh would back down and admit Labor's agenda of forcing communities to merge was ill-conceived," Mr Seeney said.

Mr Seeney said he was disappointed Premier Bligh was arrogantly refusing to listen to local residents.

Mr Seeney re-confirmed a State Coalition government would allow communities to de-amalgamate and return to their original council areas where the majority so desired.