



## IN OUR OPINION

# Rebel's message is for young, old

**S**HE may be only 15, but Rebel Lyons shows a maturity and care for the planet that is beyond many adults.

Today she will remind a global action for climate change day, at Cotton Tree Park, of the reality of the Native American proverb, "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children".

"Young people are important stakeholders in environmental and sustainable development decision-making processes," she says.

"We are consumers, producers, victims and beneficiaries. We are sisters, brothers, daughters and sons. We are the ones who will live in a world shaped by your decisions.

"Let us now work together

for our common future."

And the reality of the situation is, while world leaders debate their climate change plans at Copenhagen, it will be what each and every one of us does that will make the difference to future generations.

Already the Coast has demonstrated its willingness to take up more sustainable practices.

About 1000 home owners have signed up for a solar hot-water system, as part of a challenge launched by the Daily and the Sunshine Coast Environment Council.

Many more people are installing water tanks and water-saving devices to cut down on their water use.

Together we can make a difference if we start to put the planet first.