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Widow's campaign for dead husband builds

THE number of signatures on a petition calling for an investigation into the death of Port Macquarie's Don Mackay almost a year ago are growing.

Mr Mackay's widow, Therese, has been collecting signatures and handing out leaflets explaining her quest for "a full, independent and open investigation into the surgery, treatment, care and subsequent death of Donald William Mackay" in Sydney's Royal North

Shore Hospital last year.

Mrs Mackay has about 700 signatures so far and more people sign on daily. Her goal is to collect 2000 signatures by May 17, the first anniversary of Mr Mackay's death.

After its completion on that date, the Member for Oxley Andrew Stoner would present the petition to state parliament, Mrs Mackay said.

She would continue to collect signatures and hand out leaflets contain-

ing the petition from outside the Commonwealth Bank in Horton St, at the Hibbard markets - "wherever I can find a spot" - up until the anniversary of her husband's death, she said.

She was "pretty happy" with how the campaign was going. Many people had taken leaflets and indicated support for her, Mrs Mackay said.

There had been no negative comments made to her so far.

Signature support: Therese Mackay watches at her stand in Horton St on Wednesday as resident Chris McLoughlin signs the petition, which she says is 'very important'. She is very sympathetic to Mrs Mackay's campaign.

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