

### **Break O'Day Bushfire Grants Available Now**

Labor Member for Lyons Heather Butler said today that grants were now available for assistance in cleaning up after the recent bushfires in the Scamander and St Helens areas.

“Charities, small businesses and primary producers can apply for up to \$15,000 in clean-up and assistance grants as of today,” said Mrs Butler.

“The grants will cover uninsured costs resulting from any direct damage from the recent Break O'Day fires.

“People should check what is available from their insurer and lodge an application if they believe that they will have other costs associated with recovering from the fire.”

Approved grants of up to \$5,000 will be paid within 3 days to assist with immediate costs and a further \$10,000 can be made available with some additional assessment of the damage and evidence of insurance arrangements.

Application forms can be collected from Service Tasmania (St Helens), St Marys police station or at [www.development.tas.gov.au](http://www.development.tas.gov.au).

Applications can be lodged in person, or sent to the St Helens Service Tasmania outlet.

They can also be handed in to St Marys Police station between 1pm and 4pm on Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 20th December 2006.