



**Heather Butler, MP**

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

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### **Appeal closed**

Victorian authorities have asked for clothing appeals to be closed because they are struggling to cope with the volume of goods being provided, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier Heather Butler said today.

“The generosity of Tasmanians and other people throughout Australia has been overwhelming.

“This was always a project to meet immediate emergency needs and the task now is to get the goods already collected to where they are needed as quickly as possible.

“That means we have closed off the appeal so we can package and transport the enormous quantity of clothing and other items that we now have.

“On behalf of all members of State Parliament I would like to thank Tasmanians for the generous way in which they have opened their hearts to those affected by the Victorian bushfires.”