



Heather Butler, MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

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Victorian Bushfire Clothing Appeal

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Heather Butler, today reminded North and North West residents that they had until close of business today to make donations to the Victorian bushfire clothing appeal.

Ms Butler said it was important that the appeal was finalised quickly to allow the clothes to be transported to Victoria as soon as possible.

“Since early on Monday morning we have had an overwhelming response from people in the North and North West,” Ms Butler said.

“Our priority now is to get the clothes to Victoria as soon as we can to meet the immediate and urgent need.

“We aim to transport the last of the clothes to Victoria on the weekend.

“The appeal is closing after three full business days – today at close of business in the North and North West and on Thursday in the South.

“Tasmanian Freight Services and TOLL Transport have very generously agreed to transport the clothes free of charge to Laverton in Victoria for distribution by the Anglican dioceses of the fire-affected areas, the Uniting Church and the Salvation Army.

“Once the clothing appeal has closed I urge people wishing to donate to consider giving cash to one of the many appeals that are running.

“I again thank the many generous Tasmanians who have opened their hearts and given to this appeal, as well as the parliamentarians of all political persuasions and their staff who have collected the clothes,” Ms Butler said.