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ASLEEP AT LAST!!

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest today welcomed the announcement from Brett Whiteley and the State Liberal team that a State Liberal Government will ensure eligible patients with sleep apnoea on the North West and West Coast of Tasmania are provided with the same State Government Assistance as is received by those in the North and South of Tasmania.

“Whilst this is still only a promise of an election campaign, the fact that this discriminatory situation has been acknowledged and a commitment to addressing this inequitable situation will be great news to the many sufferers of sleep apnoea on the North West and West coasts” Ms Forrest stated.

“It is completely unacceptable that this end of the State should be discriminated against in this way, purely on the basis of geographic location. The Lennon Labor Government has treated the residents of North West Tasmania with contempt by allowing this situation to go on for nearly four years without addressing and removing this discrepancy” said Ms Forrest.

“I commend Brett Whiteley and the Liberal Team for listening to the community and being prepared to put an end to the discrimination” the Member for Murchison said.

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For further information, please phone 0419 879 524.

Sleep apnoea sufferer Kym Huxtable of Myalla is delighted with the news and is available for photo and comment on 64450947.