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LABOR GOVERNMENT SLUMBERING DEEPLY

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest, today again accused the Lennon Labor Government, in particular Health Minister Llewellyn of being asleep on the job when it comes to the sleep apnoea crisis on the north west coast.

“Before Minister Llewellyn goes into a deep slumber over the holiday period he should spare a thought for sleep apnoea sufferer’s on the north west coast who not only cannot sleep but are financially out of pocket for simply residing in the “wrong area”.

“I have asked this government on numerous occasions in Parliament now to justify and to rectify this situation and the only response I have received is that it will be part of a government review” said Ms Forrest.

According to documents obtained by Ms Forrest the government has been aware that residents on the north west coast are not subsidised for their vital sleep apnoea treatment as opposed to persons in the north and south of the state since at least September 2004.

“It is an absolute disgrace that we are not receiving this State Government Assistance – I class this as discrimination and I will continue to lobby the government on this issue until commonsense prevails”.

“I am very interested to know what the State Liberals policy will be on sleep apnoea sufferers on the north west coast and ask Rene Hidding to make his policies known to the public especially in light of an up-coming election looming”, said the member for Murchison.

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