

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## DECLARATION OF THE POLL FOR NEW MEMBER FOR MURCHISON

In claiming victory for the Legislative Council Division of Murchison today, Ruth Forrest paid thanks to the people who voted for her and thanked her campaign team who worked so hard for her victory.

"The support I received from across the region, particularly the West Coast, King Island and Circular Head, was extremely gratifying," Ms Forrest said.

"I believe the wonderful support I received from colleagues, friends and a network of people, whom I have cared for during my career, has been an important factor in this success."

Ms Forrest said that she believes she will bring much to the Legislative Council including her rural background and understanding of the needs of families, including educational needs, particularly when children have to leave home to continue their education.

"I have a strong background and interest in health and aged care; I support a sustainable forestry industry in conjunction with agriculture, fisheries, mining and tourism," the new Member for Murchison said.

"I also have experience working with members from all sectors of the community and all parts of the electorate as well as experience as a board member of different bodies and organisations at local, state and national levels."

Ruth Forrest also acknowledged the sportsmanlike conduct displayed by Kevin Hyland with whom a close tussle for victory was fought through the distribution of preferences.

"Kevin has been extremely gracious in defeat, calling me immediately after the announcement of the outcome of the election on Monday evening to congratulate me. He would have attended today if not for a prior commitment in Sydney to attend the awarding of a Masters Degree in Speech Therapy to his daughter," Ms Forrest said.

"I will maintain the Legislative Council office in Wynyard and will travel to all areas of the electorate on a regular basis.

Ms Forrest said that she is looking forward to the privilege of serving the people of Murchison and the challenges ahead.

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