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DON'T CALL ME!!!

The over 2000 North West Coasters, mostly elderly, who notified Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest since June 2006 of their need for assistance to be placed on the Federal Government's national 'Do Not Call' register will have to go elsewhere for help.

"After waiting 12 months for the Federal Government to finally get this register up and running they could not of made it any harder for people to register if they had tried" said Ms Forrest

Persons wanting to register their details on line must have an active email account and can only make 10 registrations from any one email address over a three year period, as well as provide their phone account number.

"And it's no easier to do it by mail either – with a requirement that a copy of the phone account be sent with the application" said Ms Forrest. "The Federal Government is not making it easy for anyone, particularly the elderly and persons without access to a photocopier and/or internet access, a situation I find inconsiderate and very out of touch" said Ms Forrest.

"Further to these expectations, anyone who, for whatever reason, such as poor hearing and difficulty with conducting business over the phone, wish to seek support of a nominee to submit their details onto the Register must provide the nominee with a power of attorney" Ms Forrest stated.

"The Federal Government must revisit this registration process to assist the many people who have continued to contact my office for assistance, only to be informed of this cumbersome and totally user unfriendly process. The majority of requests come from elderly members of the community who just want these disturbing calls to stop" Ms Forrest stated.

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