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L-PLATE FOR BRYAN GREEN

Murchison MLC, Ruth Forrest, today challenged Bryan Green over waiting periods for Learner Driver's to sit their Provisional Tests on the North West Coast. "As it stands today the waiting period is over two months", said Ms Forrest.

"In some cases Learner Driver's are being forced to re-sit their Learner's test, not for failing the test – but because Bryan Green has failed them", said Ms Forrest. "I am aware of learner driver's, who will have their licence expire before they are able to make an appointment to sit their Provisional Driver's Test, and must therefore re-sit their Learner's and pay the full fee – again!"

Ms Forrest blamed the situation on a backlog in the Department of Infrastructure, caused by a lack of adequate Government funding.

Ms Forrest said that a waiting period of over two months was unacceptable – however it was day light robbery for the Government to force Learner Driver's to pay their fees twice because there was no available appointment for them to sit their Provisional Test. "It is pure greed to force young people to twice pay for their learner's licence, and resit their test, because of the Minister's inability to have an adequate service here on the North West Coast" said the Member for Murchison.

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For further information, please phone 0419 879 524.

Adrian Bryan is a 16 year old from Wynyard who despite making an appointment in early December is unable to sit his Provisional Test until late March. The earliest appointment now available is 11 April 2006. Adrian or his father Wayne Bryan can be contacted on 0408 672 831 or 64422457.