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New dental surgeries – North West to miss out again?

Ruth Forrest, Member of the Legislative Council for Murchison was today seeking government reassurance that the North West Coast has not again been left off the agenda when it comes to health services, in this instance oral health services.

“Minister Llewellyn has announced more than half a million dollar upgrades for dental surgeries in both Hobart and Launceston – what about the North West Coast – are we forever to be treated as the poor cousins by this Labor Government?”, asked Ms Forrest.

“The situation here on the North West Coast is in desperate need of attention. I am pleased that the Minister is recognising that the public dental system is in crisis and he is prepared to put money into the system. But what I am not happy about is the situation on the North West Coast. I ask the Minister to provide the detail as to when our public dental system will be up-graded”, said the member for Murchison.

Further Ms Forrest said that “Minister Llewellyn is full of self praise stating his support of oral health – well I am not convinced I think it is more of a case of the Minister supporting Launceston and Hobart but ignoring the needs of residents of the north west region”.

Ms Forrest called on the Labor Government to treat the North West region with equity and to stop discriminating against this region by providing matching funding for dental services here as they have done for Launceston and Hobart.

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