

MEDIA RELEASE

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SLEEP APNOEA PETITION

MLC for Murchison Ruth Forrest said the next step in making the Government provide equal assistance for sufferers of sleep apnoea on the North West and West Coast is to present a petition to the Government demanding same.

“This fight is on-going and I will not give in until this Government is prepared to provide people on the North West Coast with the same assistance as it does to other parts of the State” said Ms Forrest.

“I am pleased to be able to sponsor this petition at the instigation of Smithton Sleep Apnoea sufferer, Denese Ferguson” said Ms Forrest.

Ms Forrest urged anyone who suffers from sleep apnoea to call into her Wynyard office and sign the petition. “All citizen’s on the North West Coast should really sign it as one never knows when they might be in a similar predicament and we should make a loud and clear statement to the Lennon Labor Government that we demand equal assistance on the North West Coast”. “We are not asking for any special treatment just to have the same assistance as is provided to the rest of the State” said the Member for Murchison.

The petition is available for signing at Ms Forrest Goldie Street Office in Wynyard and at the Waratah Wynyard Council Chambers, Circular Head Council Chambers, West Coast Council Chambers, Devonport City Council Chambers, Central Coast Council Chambers or on the Parliament website www.parliament.tas.gov.au by clicking on E-Petitions, Legislative Council, Current E-Petitions. Ms Forrest said she could be contacted directly at her office on 03 64438600 if member’s of the public wanted further information.

The petition is open until the end of March 2006 after which time Ms Forrest will present it to Parliament.

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For further information, please phone 0419 879 524.

Denese Ferguson can be contacted at the Wyndarra Centre in Smithton on 64523688.