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RUTH FORREST MLC SUGGESTS ALTERNATIVE FOR DISMAL SWAMP

Member for Murchison, Ruth Forrest MLC, believes Dismal Swamp is a fantastic example of industry and tourism working successfully together to create a popular attraction for tourists and locals.

Ms Forrest said that the visitors centre and swamp floor maze are wonderful attractions, but the slide is seen as a major attraction.

“To provide maximum appeal, the entire facility should cater to all age groups and adventure experience levels. I would suggest consideration of a second slide to cater to the younger and less ‘thrill-seeker’ visitor to compliment the slide, which may require some modification dependent on the safety review, that currently exists,” Ms Forrest stated.

“I understand that Forestry Tasmania is currently working together with Workplace Standards Tasmania to address recent safety concerns,” said Ms Forrest.

Ms Forrest agrees that Forestry Tasmania must be held accountable for the safety of visitors to Dismal Swamp, however it is important that visitors to Dismal Swamp who use the slide, follow instructions provided by staff.

“Forestry Tasmania has provided assurance that the safety review currently being conducted will be transparent and the findings will be made public,” Ms Forrest said.

The Member for Murchison acknowledged that having this type of attraction on the North West Coast was a great advantage for the local economy.

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