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NORTH WEST HEALTH CHIEF RESIGNATION

The resignation of Mr Ken Campbell as CEO of the North West Regional Hospital, is acknowledged by Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest as a loss to the North West region of a long serving senior health manager occurring at a time of ongoing review and change in health services state wide.

“Mr Campbell is to be commended for his commitment to health in this region through almost 22 years of service to North West health in a number of management roles, and has overseen a number of major changes to the delivery of health services in the region” Ms Forrest said.

“Mr Campbell’s appointment to Area Manager for Primary Health Services in Southern Tasmania, will provide vast experience in health management and a significant understanding of clinical and primary health services” Ms Forrest stated.

The resignation of Mr Campbell leaves two senior management positions unfilled on the North West Coast, those being the CEO of the North West Regional Hospital and Manager of Primary Health Services – North West Region.

“The integration and collaboration of health services on the North West Coast could benefit significantly from the amalgamation of the positions of CEO of Clinical services and Primary Health services in this region, providing the much discussed, but not actioned, integrated health service, avoiding duplication and a seamless transition between health services” Ms Forrest stated.

“The amalgamation of these positions would provide a cost effective option for management of health services in the North West Region” Ms Forrest said.

“Whilst the loss of Mr Campbell from the region will leave a void in health management, his departure provides opportunity to advance a fully integrated health service under an integrated management structure” Ms Forrest suggested.

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