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Equality for Endometriosis sufferers a must

Recent reports that as many as 1 in 10 Queensland women suffer from the debilitating effects of Endometriosis have caused Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, to call on the government to ensure women living in regional Queensland were not forgotten.

Women in South East Queensland are reporting having to wait up to a year to be diagnosed and Mr Last believes the tyranny of distance could result in the wait being even longer in other parts of the state.

“It’s no secret that women in regional Queensland struggle to access maternity services which makes me think the same would apply with endometriosis,” he said.

“The Premier has suffered from this painful condition so I hope that she can make sure women in all parts of the State are included in the strategy to address this issue.”

“If you can wait a year when there are specialists close by you have to wonder how long you will need to wait when the specialist is hundreds of kilometres away.”

“I know there are calls for education programs but we must ensure that diagnosis and treatment services are also available.”

Almost 4 women per day were admitted to public hospitals in Queensland in 2016-17 and sufferers have to deal with mental health issues resulting from constant severe pain.

“I’m concerned for the sufferers, their families and the community as a whole as this is a condition that has a massive impact on a sufferer’s life,” Mr Last said.

“We need to make sure there are gynaecological services that are available in all parts of the state with the shortest possible waiting times.”

“Women in regional Queensland deserve the same level of medical services as their city cousins; it’s as simple as that.”

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