

Northwood rallies against paper fees in Tas

KEEP Me Posted is continuing to lead the charge against penalties for paper bills and statements, by hosting its first public forum in Tasmania.

Some 50 members of the community, representatives of charities and local councillors turned up to hear from guest speaker and host senator Anne Urquhart, member for Braddon Justine Keay, Colin Ormsby from Fair Go for Pensioners, Judy Huett from Speak Out and executive director of Keep Me Posted, Kellie Northwood.

Keep Me Posted is lobbying politicians to support the campaign which urges banks, telcos and other service



Tasmania forum: (l to r) Northwood, senator Urquhart and Justine Keay

providers to dump their inflating charges for customers who request paper bills or statements.

The forum follows after a series of meetings Northwood and the Keep Me Posted team had in Canberra last month

with 20 federal politicians from various parties.

Tasmania is considered a state hit hard by the digital divide with recent statistics from the Australian Digital Inclusion Index revealing Tasmania is the least digitally included state of Australia.

The state produced a score of 48.2, which is 6.3 points below the national average.

Northwood says for many Tasmanians receiving digital communication is simply not an option.

She says, "In Australia internet accessibility and internet affordability are significant issues."