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MND Global Day to Help Raise Awareness, Funds to Find a Cure

Today is Motor Neurone Disease Global Day, an international day of recognition aimed at raising awareness and funds for research and advocacy.

About 45 Tasmanians are living with Motor Neurone Disease (MND), which causes nerve cells, or neurones, to not work normally, affecting a person's ability to walk, speak, swallow and breathe.

It is a terminal disease that can affect anyone and for which there is currently no cure or effective treatment.

The recent "The Big Freeze 3" event at the MCG, coordinated by FightMND, helped to raise national awareness and funds to fight MND.

Football great Neale Daniher is one of an estimated more than 2100 Australians living with MND and, through his courage, is playing a leadership role in this battle.

In our State, MND Tasmania has provided effective advocacy and support for more than 21 years, tirelessly raising funds for research in the hope of one day helping to find a cure.

I am pleased to be an ambassador for this great organisation and hope that Tasmanians will continue to support its work today and into the future.

In the last sitting week, I tabled a motion praising Neale Daniher and all involved in "The Big Freeze 3", as well as MND Australia and MND Tasmania.