

Asthma sufferers to get air alert

A NEW Smartphone application will send an alert to Tasmanians living with asthma when they are at risk of airborne pollutants.

The new AirRater Smartphone application was launched on Wednesday as one of 14 projects that shared in more than \$6 million of funding through the Sense-T Stage 2 project.

AirRater will produce reports that show each user how environmental conditions impact their symptoms and will provide an alert when similar conditions are present or forecasted.

Senator Stephen Parry said AirRater would collect valuable information from users and allow researchers to better understand and respond to the impact of air pollution on health.

“Tasmania is the perfect testing ground for this new project as it is small enough to be feasible and large enough to produce robust results,” Senator Parry said.

The Stage 2 Sense-T AirRater project began in September 2014 and is scheduled to be completed in March 2017.