



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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Mt Lyell Strahan picnic an historic day for West Coast

THE 111th annual Mt Lyell Strahan Picnic will be an historic day in West Coast history, when the region leaves the electorate of Lyons and starts its new life in Braddon.

Federal Member for Lyons Dick Adams will hand the West Coast region over to Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom at the picnic's official opening on Australia Day.

Mr Sidebottom said he was excited to get started representing the people of the West Coast to the best of his ability.

"I'm ready and raring to go," Mr Sidebottom said.

"The West Coast is a unique region, bearing a strong mining focus – it's well known that people who live on the West Coast work hard.

"The sense of community pride is obvious on the West Coast, and I look forward to working hard with Mayor Gerrity, the West Coast Council and the local community to listen to and address their needs through my role in Federal Parliament in the coming years.

"In the midst of the global financial crisis, I inherit the West Coast at a time when things are pretty difficult for many local families.

"I hope that together we can ride out this crisis and look towards a prosperous future.

Mr Sidebottom said he looked forward to meeting with as many community members as he could throughout the day.

"I will be wandering around for most of the day so I encourage and invite people to come up and introduce themselves," he said.

- The handover of the West Coast from the Lyons to the Braddon electorate will take place during the official opening of the Mt Lyell Strahan Picnic at 2pm on January 26, 2009 at the picnic ground.

The West Coast will officially join the Braddon electorate in February 2009.

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