



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

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### **Funds to improve rail crossing safety**

A major rail crossing in the North-West is one of three in the region to receive safety upgrades under the Rudd Labor Government's \$150 million Boom Gates for Rail Crossings Program.

Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom, said new flashing lights, valued at \$400,000, would be installed at the Lillico Road rail crossing as part of projects on the national rail network.

Also part of the program will be new flashing lights at two crossings in Queenstown at Selby Street and the Esplanade, worth \$300,000.

Mr Sidebottom said these were among 13 projects around Tasmania worth \$3.9 million.

"Upgrades for level crossings are an important part of the Rudd Government's Nation Building and Jobs Plan," Mr Sidebottom said.

"This is a very practical way of not only supporting jobs and the economy, but making our road and rail network safer for people from day to day."

The projects were identified by the Tasmanian Government following an assessment which took account of factors such as road and rail traffic volumes and crash history.

Last year Tasmania recorded three accidents at rail crossings, but fortunately none resulted in fatalities or serious injuries. Nationally, about 100 accidents occur at rail crossings every year.

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