



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

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### **Spellmans Road project now complete thanks to \$965,000 from the Federal Government**

A PROMINENT tourism and agricultural road in the Central Coast region has received a significant makeover thanks to \$965,000 from the Federal Government.

The Spellmans Road Cradle Country Tourism Link project was officially opened today by Federal member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom MP.

Spellmans Road, at Upper Castra, is the linking road between the Central Coast and Kentish local government regions and is part of the Cradle Country Touring Route.

The project involved the upgrade of 6.7km of Spellmans Road and 2.5km of Back Road. Works included the widening and resealing of the road, improvements to the bridge alignment, upgrades to intersections and the installation of more safety barriers.

“The completion of this project is great news for all those who regularly travel along Spellmans Road and for rural producers and businesses based in the Upper Castra area,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“Spellmans Road and Back Road form a strategic link which connects tourist attractions within the Central Coast and Kentish areas, so these upgrades will not only save lives, but will also help to support local tourism operators on the North-West Coast.”

The Rudd Government funding for the upgrade came from the Strategic Regional Program.

Mr Sidebottom congratulated the Central Coast Council for contributing an additional \$210,000 to the project to construct a dual-lane bridge and complete a further 3km of sealing to the road.

“This is a great example of the Federal Government and local government working together.

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