



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

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### **Qantas upgrades a sign of growth in region**

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom has welcomed news by QantasLink today that it will increase services at the Devonport airport from 1 February, 2010.

New services will include the upgrade of 13 out of 26 return services between Melbourne and Devonport to a Q400 aircraft, and introduce an additional Melbourne-Devonport return service each week.

“This is wonderful news for the Devonport region,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“It’s a real sign that business at the Devonport airport is strengthening as it emerges from what has been a difficult year for local business .

Mr Sidebottom said the upgrade to a Q400 plane meant that an additional 484 seats would be available between Devonport and Melbourne each week.

“The Q400 is a bigger plane than the De Havilland which currently operates out of Devonport, so this means quicker flight times as well,” he said.

“Congratulations to QantasLink for their commitment to regional airports like Devonport.”

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