



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

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### **RUDD GOVERNMENT FAST-TRACKS FREE CEILING INSULATION**

The Rudd Government has announced a new fast track process so that homeowners can start applying for free ceiling insulation immediately, says the Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom.

Mr Sidebottom said he had been very encouraged by the number of inquiries received by his office about these programs.

“It seems the people of North-West Tasmania are very interested in doing their part to make their homes more energy efficient and help both the environment and the economy,” Mr Sidebottom said.

Through the Government’s \$3.9 billion Energy Efficient Homes Package, households can now apply for one of the following upgrades from today:

- The Homeowner Insulation Program. This installs free ceiling insulation (capped at \$1,600) in the homes of eligible owner-occupiers.
- The Low Emission Assistance Plan for Renters. This provides assistance of up to \$1,000 for installing insulation in private rental properties.
- The Solar Hot Water Rebate. This provides rebates of up to \$1,600 for installation of solar hot water systems.

The fast track guidelines make it even easier for Australian households to apply for this program. By visiting the website people can check immediately whether they are eligible, arrange for a skilled tradesperson to do the work and send in their receipts for the rebate.

This package will eventually install ceiling insulation in around 2.7 million homes across the country as part of the \$42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan.

For more information on the fast track application process please visit <http://www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency/> or call the hotline on 1800 808 571.

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