



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

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Time to get on with building the North-West economy

NORTH-WEST families, schools and business will soon be able share the benefits of the Rudd Government's Nation Building and Jobs Plan despite some shameless stalling says the Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom.

Mr Sidebottom welcomed yesterday's final approval of the unprecedented plan, which was aimed at keeping the national and local economy moving forward.

"It still amazes me that Senators Richard Colbeck and Stephen Parry and their Liberal colleagues could vote against this not once, but twice," Mr Sidebottom said.

"They were prepared to delay and even deny families in Braddon a boost which may eventually mean they and those close to them stay in work.

"They and their Liberal colleagues were happy to say that spending money on our schools was "bad spending". Perhaps they were embarrassed that they spent so little on education over 11 years.

"The Senators were happy to try and take away important tax incentives for small business to become more competitive and keep employing North-West people."

He said the impact of the global economic crisis was starting to be felt in Australia, but to wait any longer could have massive consequences for people in the North-West and around the nation.

"Already we hear small business groups saying the delay has cost hundreds of millions of dollars, and it may be too late for some," he said.

"But as part of the Rudd Government I am keen to do whatever I can to keep them going and see them come out the other side stronger."

Mr Sidebottom said the package also offered extra funding for councils and the state to build vital infrastructure that will have long-term benefits for the entire community.

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