



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

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### **SID DELIVERS \$183,000 FOR THE DEVONPORT SKATE PARK REDEVELOPMENT**

The Rudd Labor Government has signed off on \$183,000 to redevelop the Devonport Skate Park – as part of its investment to support jobs and boost the local economy.

Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP, said the funds were from the \$800 million Community Infrastructure Program – the single largest investment in local infrastructure in Australia's history.

“The Devonport City Council will receive \$183,000 to replace the existing skate park - giving the community more activity space and reducing overcrowding of existing facilities.

“Without federal funding, projects like this could have remained in the ‘too-hard’ basket.”

Mr Sidebottom today said he was delighted to see funding announced so quickly for the local community.

“I have spoken to Mayor Lyn Laycock and her team about this project which they were very keen to see it go ahead as soon as possible.

“The project will have great benefits for many young people who use the Bluff area, and also help to create employment and stimulate the Devonport economy.

“Investing in local projects that are ready to go is a great way to generate construction activity. It will also deliver much-needed infrastructure to improve the quality of life in local communities.”

He said it would be a great complement to other planned activity on the Bluff including the multi-million redevelopment of the Devonport Surf Club, which would also be receiving \$1m from the Rudd Government.

Devonport would also benefit from the Government's \$2 million contribution to the reconstruction of Formby Road, which would go-ahead once the Council completed its planning and consultation on what would be a major project for the city.

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