



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

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NW Coaster's generosity incredible, cash and toiletries now the focus

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said the generosity of North-West Coasters in response to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal had left him speechless during the past three days.

Mr Sidebottom urged donors to now consider donating either cash or toiletry items.

"I cannot put into words how proud I feel to be a North-West Coaster this week," Mr Sidebottom said.

"My office has received more than 500 bags of clothing, bedding, toys and shoes so far this week.

"It's lucky I'm working in my Canberra office this week, because I simply wouldn't fit in my Burnie office!"

"Given this extraordinary response, I would urge people to now consider donating either toiletries or cash to the appeal.

To donate to the bushfire appeal people can:

- Log onto www.redcross.org.au
- Phone 1800 811 700
- Visit any branch of NAB, ANZ, Westpac or Commonwealth Bank
- Make a direct deposit to the Victorian Bushfire Relief Fund at BSB: 082-001, Account number: 860-046-797.

"People can also contact their local Red Cross branch to arrange to give blood in coming weeks – we must remember that this is a long-term crisis, and these people will need our help for many months to come," he said.

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