



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

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DEVONPORT GP SUPER CLINIC MOVES CLOSER

Construction of the Devonport GP Super Clinic in Tasmania is well on track, with the midpoint of building work reached at the Wenvoe Street site says the Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom said cranes had been lifting the new second storey and roof into place over the past month.

The Devonport GP Super Clinic is being established on two sites - 8 Wenvoe Street, a two-storey clinic, and 144A-B William Street, which will be extended and refurbished.

“The Devonport GP Super Clinic will provide services from a variety of health professionals including GPs, practice nurses, visiting specialists and allied health professionals that currently include a psychiatrist, podiatrist, physiotherapist, osteopath and audiologist. It is expected that diagnostic services will also be available,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“The community of Devonport is already benefiting from the Government’s investment through new services being offered during the construction phase.

“These include nurse-led asthma and diabetes chronic disease management clinics and a falls prevention clinic for people over 75.”

The fully operational Devonport GP Super Clinic is anticipated to open in mid 2010.

Two GP Super Clinics are fully operational- Ballan in Victoria and Strathpine in Queensland. Early services are being delivered during the construction phase at seven other GP Super Clinic locations around the country (Southern Lake Macquarie-Morisset, Palmerston, Bendigo, Devonport, Blue Mountains, Riverina and Warnervale).

Mr Sidebottom said the North-West was fortunate enough to have a second GP Super Clinic under development in Burnie.

An important step towards development of the Burnie GP Super Clinic will take place in the next week, with the release of the tender for construction. The tender and construction process will follow fast-track principles, with a view to completing the works by late 2010.

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