



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

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Sid seeks streamlining for Green Loans

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom is seeking a streamlining for the important Green Loans program to help more people benefit from the environmental scheme.

Mr Sidebottom has been made aware of concerns some Green Loan assessors had about the current process, and wanted to see the system improved to ensure that everyone could access the Green Loans quickly and efficiently.

“This week I had the opportunity to speak directly with the Minister for Environment, Peter Garrett, about Green Loans and have emphasised to him the need for a quick and efficient process,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“I know the Minister is aware of similar issues and is taking these on board.”

Green Loans is a two stage process, which includes a detailed assessment to look at the best ways to save energy and water and to reduce greenhouse gases, and a loan program to reduce the cost of measures to achieve these aims.

Home owners, once completing an assessment by a qualified expert assessor, can apply for loans of up to \$10,000 interest free with participating financial institutions.

This may help people to install solar panels or solar hot water or other energy saving measures which will improve the efficiency and comfort of their homes.

Mr Sidebottom said this was one way the Rudd Government was directly responding to the climate change challenge, and a practical way many everyday households could become involved.

“I understand there has been increasing interest from around the North-West in the Green Loans and think we must do everything we can to make the program work.”

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