



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

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BIKE PATH A GREAT START TOWARD COASTAL LINK

The launch of the Burnie Coastal Cycleway today marked another important milestone in developing a coastal pathway stretching across the region says Federal MP for Braddon Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom said he was happy to launch the \$1.7 million project, which was a partnership between the Federal and State governments and the Burnie City Council.

“We have one of the most beautiful and accessible coastlines in the country and pathways such as this are an excellent way to showcase this beauty,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“Ultimately, I would like to see a pathway stretching from the banks of the Mersey at Latrobe all the way through to Stanley, and this is something I’ve been working toward for some time.

“This project in Burnie will not only generate benefits from a health and wellbeing perspective through increased opportunity to exercise, but it will also stimulate jobs in the region.

“It is one of 170 such pathways being built around Australia worth more than \$37 million, and forms part of Rudd Government’s overall stimulus package, which has been very well received in this region.”

Mr Sidebottom said the \$969,400 from the Rudd Government as the National Bike Paths component of the Jobs Fund was matched by \$375,000 each from the Bartlett Labor Government and the Burnie City Council.

“The cooperation on projects such as this and others around the region has been very promising and I hope that it can continue to see these pathways extend further as the years go by.

“I really look forward to seeing the pathway completed and being able to see people out there enjoying it.”

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