



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

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### **More improvements for health services**

Another \$8 million to improve the Mersey Community Hospital recognises the importance of the facility to the region says the Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom said he welcomed today's announcement by Premier David Bartlett and Health Minister Lara Giddings to relocate and improve the high dependency unit, expand the emergency department and improve the theatre and outpatients clinic.

"This comes coupled with the exciting news about the State Government buying the North-West Regional Hospital and the potential for building an integrated cancer service for the North-West and West," Mr Sidebottom said.

"This can only mean even better health delivery in the North-West.

"I was pleased today to see how well the Mersey Community Hospital was functioning and how well it is being integrated with other North-West health services, and the dedication and expertise of the staff was clearly evident.

"The Mersey funding by the Commonwealth has been put to great use and is at the same time freeing up funds for the State Government to spend on even more health services.

"I know that Health Minister Roxon is pleased with this investment and is encouraged by the improvement in health services in the North-West.

"I will continue to work with the whole North-West community to improve and secure services into the future and encourage and support the health professionals who deliver these services."

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