



Sid Sidebottom MP ...for a fair go
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BRADDON

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NORTH-WEST SCHOOLS SAVE ENERGY AND WATER WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HELP

The Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom, is delighted to announce that four schools from the north-west region will receive a total of \$180 479 under the latest round of the Government's National Solar Schools Program.

"This is tremendous news for these schools," Mr Sidebottom said. "The funds will enable them to install solar and other renewable power systems, rainwater tanks and to implement a range of energy efficiency measures".

The National Solar Schools Program gives school children the opportunity to see energy generation and learn the importance of water and energy conservation first hand.

In the first round of the program St. Brendan Shaw College in Devonport, Devonport Christian School in Don, Sacred Heart School in Ulverstone and the Zeehan Primary School have been awarded funding.

"They are to be congratulated on their efforts. Their schools will be taking practical action to reduce carbon emissions whilst saving water, conserving and generating electricity." Mr Sidebottom added.

Applications were assessed using merit-based criteria, meaning schools have to demonstrate value for money, as well as environmental and educational benefits.

"The Government's Clean Energy Future plan provides significant levels of financial support for innovation in renewable energy and other low-pollution technologies," Mr Sidebottom said.

The final round of the program will open to applications on 13 February, 2012 and Mr Sidebottom encouraged all schools in the region to consider making an application.

More information about a clean energy future can be found by visiting:
www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au

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