



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

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## **BURNIE AND DEVONPORT ELIGIBLE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE**

Federal Labor Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom has welcomed the inclusion of Burnie and Devonport as cities which could apply for funding under Labor's new commitment to fast-track regional housing.

A re-elected Gillard Labor Government will make \$200 million available to local councils in regional cities to help fast-track plans to build housing for families in sustainable neighbourhoods.

Councils, including Burnie and Devonport city councils, would be able to apply for the funding to invest in local infrastructure projects to support new housing developments such as connecting roads, extensions to drains and sewerage pipes or community facilities such as parks.

"This is exactly the sort of planning and investment which would help to move Burnie and Devonport forward," Mr Sidebottom said.

"The Gillard Labor Government understands that house prices are out of reach for some ordinary income earners who are dealing with cost of living pressures.

"We will continue to support a strong economy and invest in health, education and infrastructure in regional areas."

A re-elected Federal Labor Government would write to the mayors of 46 regional cities, including Burnie and Devonport inviting them to participate in the sustainable regional housing program.

"We are already investing in health, education and with the National Broadband Network already being rolled out here, there is more and more incentive to look at relocating here – or staying for those who are already living here," he said.

"The Liberal-National Coalition left families with the least affordable housing in Australian history and failed to build enough homes for the next generation."

Other Federal Labor investments in regional infrastructure and services:

- Ensuring that half of new GP and specialist training places continue to be provided in rural and remote communities
- National Broadband Network to provide high speed internet access for all Australians
- GP Super Clinics in Devonport and Burnie

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