



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

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A helping hand for young carers

The Australian Government is increasing its support to young carers in the North-West and West over the next three years.

Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP, said that Family Based Care North West would receive \$144,852 over three years to continue supporting young carers in the region.

He said the contribution of carers, particularly young people caring for family members, often went unnoticed.

“Many of these young people spend long hours caring for their loved ones, while at the same time balancing school or work commitments,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“We want to keep young carers in school or vocational education so that they have the same chances as other young people.”

Family Based Care, through operation of the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre, will continue to provide respite, education and support to young carers.

Carers Australia will also continue to provide information and referral services for young carers as part of the Young Carers Program which includes a national website and 1800 number.

Around Australia about 340,000 young carers are under the age of 25, of which 20,000 are primary carers.

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