



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

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#### **More funds for Council Infrastructure in Braddon**

Councils in the North-West and West will share in another \$732,000 to boost local infrastructure from the Rudd Labor Government, says Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom said he welcomed the latest round of funding under the Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program, announced on Thursday by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

"I was happy to be able to host mayors from the region for the second Australian Council of Local Government this week, and even happier to see them receive another funding boost," Mr Sidebottom said.

"We believe that funding local councils to upgrade and improve vital local infrastructure is one of the best ways to provide an important stimulus to the local economy."

Mr Sidebottom said the Rudd Government had now invested more than \$1 billion since last November in local government around the nation.

Some of these projects are already underway across the region, with the latest round of funding to be rolled out later this year.

On top of the \$100 million to be shared between all councils and shires, another \$120 million will be available for larger strategic projects, provided on a competitive basis.

"From bridge works in Latrobe, a skate park at Devonport to walkways in Smithton, the first round of funding is being used very practically for all walks of life," Mr Sidebottom said.

"Our local councils are best placed to put this money to good use and make it work in the local economy."

Local allocations – Burnie City Council: \$86,000; Central Coast Council: \$151,000; Circular Head Council: \$103,000; Devonport City Council: \$65,000; King Island Council: \$30,000; Latrobe Council: \$70,000; Waratah-Wynyard Council: \$129,000; West Coast Council: \$98,000.

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