



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

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### **Another \$1 million for North West Coast education**

Teaching and learning facilities at the Hellyer and Don Campuses have been delivered a \$1,085,000 boost from the Rudd Government.

The funding will go to the Skills Institute and Polytechnic at the respective campuses, and comes from the Better TAFE Facilities program, Mr Sidebottom said.

Funding includes:

#### **Tasmanian Polytechnic – Hellyer Campus - \$215,000**

To create state-of-the-art learning and common zones, refurbish existing internal facilities, and upgrade infrastructure.

#### **Tasmanian Polytechnic – Don Campus - \$640,000**

To create state-of-the-art learning and common zones, upgrade student learning areas, refurbish existing internal facilities, and upgrade infrastructure.

#### **Tasmanian Skills Institute – Hellyer Campus - \$100,000**

Substation remedial works

#### **Tasmanian Skills Institute – Devonport Campus - \$130,000**

Substation remedial works and upgrades to skills learning areas

“This funding comes at the perfect time for the respective campuses, because encouraging our youngsters to acquire a skill is crucial at this time of economic uncertainty,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“We need to equip our next generations with the skills needed as we emerge from these tough times.

“This sort of investment not only benefits local students, but also local construction businesses who will complete the works.”

All up, Tasmanian campuses will share in \$4.66m under the program.

The Better TAFE Facilities initiative is part of the Rudd Government’s \$500 million Teaching and Learning Capital Fund for Vocational Education and Training.

Under Better TAFE Facilities, all TAFE institutes across Australia are eligible to receive a grant of between \$2 million and \$8 million to undertake maintenance needs, small capital works and equipment and plant purchase.

The Rudd Government announced the Teaching and Learning Capital Fund for Vocational Education and Training last December as part of a \$4.7 billion nation-building infrastructure package to support Australia's economy.

A full list of projects being supported under the Better TAFE Facilities element of the Teaching and Learning Capital Fund for Vocational Education and Training is available at: [www.deewr.gov.au/tlcfvet](http://www.deewr.gov.au/tlcfvet)

This latest funding comes on top of the \$31.5m provided to North-West Coast Primary and High Schools in recent months through the Rudd Government's Building the Education Revolution program, and the National Computers in Schools Program.

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