



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

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\$20,830 funding support for North-West respite carers

FAMILY Based Care Association North West Inc is set to receive \$20,830 Federal Government funding for three projects to upgrade facilities at its Burnie headquarters, Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said.

“These are one-off grants to improve and support respite services at Family Based Care by covering the costs of minor building modifications or replacing equipment or furniture,” Mr Sidebottom said.

The funding will cover three projects:

- **\$7700 to repairs railing and flooring at the front entrance of the Burnie centre**
- **\$8860 to replace the existing cooling/heating system**
- **\$4270 to refurbish the existing bathroom**

“I’m delighted this funding has been delivered to Family Based Care, because they provide such essential grassroots services to carers on the North-West Coast,” he said.

“These are fundamental services and improve the quality of life for so many local carers.

“Respite services allow for carers to go to work if they require, or to go shopping or even just to see their friends.

“Caring for someone is a full-time job and is physically and emotionally demanding – carers need to be able to take these well-deserved breaks.”

This funding comes under the \$6.8 million provided for one-off maintenance work through the Federal Government’s National Respite Program, which is providing \$194 million in 2008-09.

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