



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

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Sid welcomes important additions to PBS

Cancer patients in the North-West and West could be among those to benefit from a range of new drugs added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme from today, Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said.

Mr Sidebottom welcomed the announcement today by Minister for Health and Ageing, Nicola Roxon.

He said the new drugs include those used to treat kidney cancer, chronic renal disease and osteoporosis.

“Unfortunately our region has a higher incidence of some of these conditions, and this is welcome news,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“People have been lobbying for these changes for some time, and I hope that gaining this recognition will help ease the burden in some way for both patients and their families.”

Mr Sidebottom said the changes to the PBS would also benefit people with cystic fibrosis, breast cancer and severe chronic pain.

More detail on the medicines subsidised by the Australian Government through the PBS is available at www.pbs.gov.au

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