



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

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New service in Devonport to support separated families

The Rudd Government is offering expanded support for families facing breakdown from a new centre in Devonport.

Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom, has welcomed the announcement by Attorney-General Robert McClelland of a new Post Separation Cooperative Parenting Service in Devonport.

Mr McClelland said the centre would be an important service to support separated families in Devonport.

Mr Sidebottom said Centacare Tasmania would receive \$208,000 funding, along with an extra \$40,000 to help with establishment this year.

“The service will support parents by providing them with the skills needed to manage their responsibilities in the best interest of the children,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“Parents can learn to manage conflict and reduce the negative effects of separation experienced by their children.”

This will include counselling, education and seminars to help separated parents.

Centacare has been invited to establish the service at Devonport, one of 14 additional centres to open throughout Australia from July this year.

More information on other family relationships services is available at the Family Relationships Online website at www.familyrelationships.gov.au or the Family Relationships Advice Line on 1800 050 321.

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