



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

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### **Minister hears from youth first at Devonport forum**

Local students were given the chance today to give their views to the Australian Government at the Devonport Australian Youth Forum.

Joined by the Federal Minister for Youth, Kate Ellis MP, and Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom, local students were given the opportunity to express their views and give their opinions on the important issues facing our community and the country.

“Today is about making sure that young people in our area have input into the important issues that face our community and our country” said Mr Sidebottom.

“I’m very keen to be out into the community to hear from people out on the ground, including young Australians, and it is something the Rudd Government is also passionate about,” said Mr Sidebottom.

“Young Australians are growing up in vastly different times and it is they who have the most at stake for the future” said Mr Sidebottom.

Opening the summit, Ms Ellis told the students “You bring perspectives that may have been overlooked, you champion ideas that might never have surfaced and you see possibilities where others just see problems”.

“Events like today are crucial if we are to harness the vision and ideas of young Australians” said Ms Ellis.

The Australian Government has invested \$8 million in the new Australian Youth Forum – to put our money where our mouth is and make sure young Australians are given the opportunity to contribute to our community.

Mr Sidebottom thanked the schools and students involved and encouraged them to stay active in the community and involved in the big challenges that Australia faces.

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