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Media Statement

ECONOMIC STIMULUS: \$969,000 FOR BURNIE COASTAL PATHWAY

Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, and Sid Sidebottom, Member for Braddon, today announced that the Rudd Labor Government will provide more than \$969,000 towards the Burnie coastal pathway.

Mr Albanese said that this project would construct a shared cycling and walking pathway on the coastal strip from the Emu River at Wivenhoe to Cooee.

“The Burnie coastal pathway project is part of the Rudd Government’s \$40 million National Bike Paths Projects fund and a key element of our Economic Stimulus Plan.

“In total, this project is worth more than \$1.7 million and we are delivering it in partnership with the Burnie City Council.

“Twenty nine jobs and traineeships are expected to be supported during construction and into the longer term, delivering an economic boost to Burnie.

“All up, the Government is funding 170 projects across Australia, supporting more than 1,900 jobs in local communities,” Mr Albanese said.

Mr Sidebottom said that he was pleased to see this investment in Burnie infrastructure, especially on National Ride to Work Day.

“The funding for Burnie City Council is the single largest grant that the Government is providing to a bike path project in Tasmania.

“Once completed, this project will form part of a greater coastal pathway across the north-west coast of Tasmania.

“The Rudd Government’s investment will help encourage tourism on the north-west coast and support our local economy.

“By building better cycling infrastructure, the Government is also helping take cars off our local roads and reducing carbon emissions over the longer term.

“We are building community infrastructure that will encourage healthier lifestyles amongst residents and create more sustainable communities,” Mr Sidebottom concluded.

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