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Media Statement

ECONOMIC STIMULUS: \$300,000 FOR STRAHAN AND TULLAH BIKE PATHS

Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development and Sid Sidebottom, Member for Braddon, today announced that the Rudd Labor Government will provide nearly \$300,000 towards cycleways in Strahan and Tullah.

Mr Albanese said that the Rudd Government's investment would deliver a safe cycleway for Strahan residents and visitors to travel between the town's tourist and recreational activities.

"In Tullah, our investment will provide a cycleway between the two parts of the township, currently split by a section of the state highway.

"This cycling infrastructure 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 \$926,000 and we are delivering it in partnership with the West Coast Council.

"Four jobs and traineeships are expected to be supported during construction and into the longer term, delivering an economic boost to the region.

"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 West Coast infrastructure, especially on National Ride to Work Day.

"The West Coast has been hit particularly hard by the downturn in the mining industry, and more recently by the closure of the Queenstown copper mine," Mr Sidebottom said.

"By providing funds for projects like this pathway the Rudd Government can help to sustain employment on the West Coast, as well as providing long term benefits for both the residents and visitors to the region."

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

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