



Gavin Pearce MP
Federal Member for Braddon

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Benefits of the former Liberal government's investment still being felt

Federal Member for Braddon, Gavin Pearce MP, today joined the Mayors of Devonport and Central Coast Councils, to officially open the newest section of the \$14.4m Coastal Pathway extension - from Leith to Don Heads.

The Cradle Coast Community Pathway project has seen the construction of 19.7 kilometres of continuous shared/cycling pathway connecting the population centres of Penguin, Ulverstone, Devonport and Latrobe. It is estimated over 100,000 trips per year will be undertaken including local, intra-state and international visitors.

“It’s great to see another one of my election commitments being finalised,” Mr Pearce said.

“This is a spectacularly scenic section of Tasmania, perfect for this pathway and I know that its entire length is destined to become one of our state’s iconic trails.”

“Developing connected communities through diversified recreational experiences is an important part of building a thriving region. Young or old; walk, ride or wheel; this is a pathway for everyone.”

“The shared pathway project is another great example of the hundreds of projects invested in by the former Liberal/National government that continue to be rolled out right across the region.”

“Between 2019 and 2022, the North-West, West Coast and King Island had the second highest investment of any electorate in Australia. This represented more than 700 projects shared equally across our 8 local government areas. As they are rolled out, these projects will inject over \$1 billion into our local economies, thousands of locals will be employed, small businesses will be supported, money will stay in local communities and flow into the pockets of local families.”

The Australian Government’s \$4.8m committed was funded through the former Liberal/National government’s Community Development Grants programme and was a 2019 election commitment by the Liberal government.

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