



Australian Government

The Hon Alan Tudge MP

Minister for Human Services
Federal Member for Aston

Jason Wood MP

Federal Member for La Trobe

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DRINKING FOUNTAINS FOR 1,000 STEPS TO BE DELIVERED

Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe, along with The Hon Alan Tudge MP, Minister for Human Services, today announced the election commitment of \$50,000 to install new drinking fountains at the 1,000 Steps is being delivered.

“The 1,000 steps in the Dandenong Ranges have been an icon and a huge driving force for tourism in since its creation in the early 1900’s. We have seen exponential growth in the amount of locals and tourists using this track with roughly 700,000 people visiting every year, but unfortunately much of the debris created around the area comes from discarded water bottles” said Mr. Wood.

“With so many people using this track each year the amount of rubbish being left behind is becoming an issue” said Mr. Wood.

The Coalition Government are ensuring that local environmental tourist attractions such as this one will be maintained and upgraded where necessary.

“We understand that the community needs these kinds of safe and serene places to foster a love of the outdoors and involvement in physical activity, whilst promoting tourism in the area” said Minister Tudge.

It’s estimated that Parks Victoria Rangers are spending up to 100 hours each year cleaning up rubbish left behind by users of this track and it’s hoped that the drinking fountains will be fully installed by next summer.

This \$50,000 grant will not only go a long way in providing the users of this track with clean drinking water it will also assist in cutting down the amount of rubbish left behind, resulting in less man hours being taken away from Parks Victoria Rangers.

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