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New Training Hub for Burnie

Liberal Senator Richard Colbeck has announced that Burnie will be the home of a new Training Hub to support jobs opportunities for young people in the region.

“Funding of \$58 million has been delivered in the Budget for ten new Training Hubs and I am delighted to announce that Burnie will be the location of one of those Training Hubs.

“The North West Coast has major job opportunities coming online with the Battery of the Nation and other projects and our Government is delivering support for young people to gain the skills required for these new jobs.

“Intergenerational and youth unemployment is still too high in North West Tasmania and this Burnie Training Hub will help combat that by supporting skills training for young people.

“Delivering a stronger economy has meant a record 100,000 new jobs for young people in Australia in the last year and this new Training Hubs plan will ensure that even more opportunities are available for young people in our region.”

Liberal Candidate for Braddon Gavin Pearce welcomed the Liberal National Government's decision to deliver a new training hub in Burnie as a big win for the region.

“I am delighted that Burnie will host a Training Hub to deliver specific training opportunities for our next generation on the North West Coast.

“Senator Colbeck and I have been fighting hard for a Training Hub in Burnie since the program was announced in the Budget and I am very pleased to have delivered.

“The North West Coast has competitive advantages in agriculture, forestry, mining, energy and advanced manufacturing and this Training Hub will help train our young people to take on skilled jobs in those areas and others.”

Young people, aged 15-24, in the hub areas will also be eligible to apply for a scholarship to undertake an eligible VET Approved Program of Study.

Four hundred scholarships, valued at up to \$17,500 each, will be made available from Certificate III to Advanced Diploma level.

The Hubs will also strengthen partnerships between local schools, employers and industries, and ensure that vocational education programs are tailored to meet local workforce needs and skills demands.

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