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AUSTRALIAN CONNOR MCLEOD RECOGNISED BY AMERICAN NATIONAL BRAILLE PRESS

Federal Labor congratulates 14-year-old Connor McLeod from Western Sydney on being recognised by the American National Braille Press (NBP) for his successful campaign to introduce tactile banknotes in Australia.

Connor will receive the NBP's "Hands On" award at a Gala dinner in Boston in November.

In February this year the Reserve Bank of Australia announced the next generation of banknotes will include a 'tactile' feature as well as bright colours; large and bold numbers; and different sizes for each denomination of banknote.

Connor's campaign for tactile banknotes attracted the support of the Human Rights Commission, Vision Australia and almost 60,000 people who signed his online petition.

Connor and his mum Ally met with members of Federal Labor including his local Member of Parliament, Ed Husic last year to discuss his idea to introduce tactile banknotes in Australia.

Tactile banknotes will improve the lives of the more than 300,000 Australians with a visual impairment – and thanks to Connor's activism tactile banknotes will soon be a reality.

Connor has demonstrated enormous leadership and determination in his efforts to push for a change that will make life easier for hundreds of thousands of Australians. He is a credit to all young Australians and we can all be proud of him.

Congratulations Connor on this well-deserved award.

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