



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media statement

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#### **Maranoa MP demands to know if CSG companies support locals**

OUR region is full of vibrant, liveable country towns and should not be seen as blurred dots in rear-view mirror of drive-in, drive-out car or viewed from the window of a fly-in, fly-out aeroplane used by gas companies to ferry its workers through Maranoa.

In a move for greater transparency and job creation for locals, Maranoa MP David Littleproud has demanded all CSG companies and subcontractors operating in his electorate outline local procurement practices and employee recruitment.

“There’s been a recent downturn of construction operations – especially with the announcement of a major employer, Ostwald Bros, going into voluntary administration – so I’m calling for all gas companies to outline what they’re doing to support our local communities,” Mr Littleproud said.

“I’ve asked the CSG companies to provide a copy of their procurement policy and what goods and services are claimed locally to see if our local businesses are being supported – whether its machinery maintenance, grocery shopping and everything in between.

“How gas companies view the word ‘local’ is also of interest so I’ve also asked for the procurement definition of “local” employed by the companies’ sub-contractors and the number of direct and sub-contracted employees who work in my electorate.”

Mr Littleproud said he believed a disjointed DIDO or FIFO work schedule eroded family life and limits a person’s time to engage with the community – that’s why gas workers and their families should live in region where they’re employed.

“Families are the building blocks of our rural and remote communities and, as we’re experiencing a bit of a downturn at the moment, we need to stimulate our economy by enticing families to live here – a thriving place to call home not just during shift work,” he said.

“Liveability, health, education, job creation, social infrastructure and affordable housing are exciting elements which equal to a well-balanced life. We have it all in Maranoa and it’s time gas companies come clean and show us how they’re supporting rural communities.”

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