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Littleproud secures further consultation on the Warrego Highway

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud yesterday discussed the lack of community consultation on the Warrego Highway Upgrade and the future of the project with State Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey following months of community frustration in Dalby.

The Coalition Federal Government secured the \$508 million to fund the Warrego Highway upgrade from Toowoomba to Miles, however the Queensland State Government is responsible for planning, constructing and maintaining the highway upgrade.

“In my first week as the Member, I was inundated with calls and meeting requests from concerned members of the community frustrated about the lack of consultation on this upgrade.

“The genuine concerns raised by the community were shared across the board, including the loss of parking and its impact on businesses, as well as traffic and safety concerns for children attending schools along the highway, particularly Dalby South State School.”

In August Mr Littleproud wrote to Minister Bailey requesting a meeting to discuss the extent of the consultation conducted in Dalby and enquiring whether local businesses can tender for contracts relating to the project under local content rules.

Mr Littleproud said yesterday, “I would like to thank the Minister for responding to my request and agreeing to productively discuss the community’s concerns with me today.

“The Minister has given me assurances that further consultation will now take place with impacted members of the community and that local content rules will be considered.

“I am heartened to know that the Minister is listening and acknowledge that he has already agreed to meet with the Dalby South State School to discuss their concerns.”

Mr Littleproud believes that the infrastructure investment will no doubt grow the region and make the Warrego Highway safer but getting the upgrade right will be key to ensuring students remain safe and that businesses remain viable.

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