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Minister for Indigenous Affairs

David Littleproud MP
Federal Member for Maranoa

Joint Media Statement

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Maranoa receives additional \$559,495 for Aboriginal Family Legal Services Southern Queensland

SUPPORT for victims of family violence in Maranoa will receive a boost as a result of the Federal Government's additional \$559,495 in funding to be provided to the Aboriginal Family Legal Services Southern Queensland.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion and Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced the additional funding as part of the Coalition Government's \$92.7 million allocation to ensure legal services continued its important work in our community.

"The Aboriginal Family Legal Services Southern Queensland has a base in Roma – with satellite offices in St George and Goondiwindi – providing critical work to support First Australians living in Maranoa who are the victims of family violence," Mr Littleproud said.

"This additional funding will give this legal service the certainty to make staffing decisions and plan how best to keep delivering this vital support for our local Indigenous community."

Minister Scullion said the Coalition Government was also investing \$25 million in a separate package of measures to reduce the violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children.

"Violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children has a devastating impact on communities and families," Minister Scullion said.

"Indigenous women are 34 times more likely to be hospitalised because of family violence than non-Indigenous women. Indigenous children are more than five times more likely than non-Indigenous children to be hospitalised for assault and eight times more likely to experience child abuse or neglect.

"To address these shocking statistics, the issue of violence in Indigenous communities has been highlighted as a national priority under the Third Action Plan of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*.

"The \$25 million package of additional measures will help frontline services to intervene early to prevent violence from occurring, while also addressing the drivers of violence in Indigenous communities."

For more information, visit: <http://ministers.dpmc.gov.au/scullion/2016/additional-25-million-tackle-family-violence-indigenous-communities>

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