



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

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PM recognises the importance of economic growth in the regions: Littleproud MP

The Federal Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud has today welcomed the announcement made by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the Minister for Regional Development, Minister Fiona Nash, establishing a Regional Ministerial Taskforce to help drive economic and social prosperity across regional Australia.

Mr Littleproud said, “Less than two weeks ago, the Prime Minister’s boots hit the ground in Bell, Dalby and Barcaldine and today we see the Prime Minister announcing a Regional Taskforce that I know will play an important role in giving regional Australia a voice at the table.”

As part of the announcement today, it was revealed Prime Minister Turnbull, Minister Nash, Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce and other senior cabinet Ministers will be charged with considering cross-portfolio issues as they specifically relate to regional Australia to ensure the best long-term decisions for the regions.

This initiative will closely examine health, education, transport and infrastructure, employment, industry and communications with the breadth of knowledge of the Prime Minister as Chair, Minister Nash as Deputy Chair, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Health Greg Hunt, Minister for Education Simon Birmingham, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester, Minister for Industry Arthur Sinodinos, and Minister for Employment Michaelia Cash.

“I feel incredibly proud of the Western Downs and the Barcaldine communities, who provided a great insight to the Prime Minister about the opportunities and challenges in our part of the world.

“It certainly seems to me that this visit has to some extent inspired this announcement today and I look forward to the guidance this Taskforce will offer the entire Coalition Government.” Mr Littleproud said.

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