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Federal Member for Maranoa

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Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Programme Round Three now open to repair or replace local bridges

DO you know of a rickety bridge in your community that's in desperate need of repair or replacement? Be sure to nominate bridges in poor condition to your local council so they can be fixed with the help of Federal Government funding.

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said a new round of funding, under the \$360 million Bridges Renewal Programme, was now open and encouraged local councils and the community to be involved to make sure we get our fair share of funding.

"There are 17 local government areas in my electorate and I want to make sure our region takes advantage of this great opportunity to fix or replace ageing bridges which link our transport network," Mr Littleproud said.

"Councils can get on board by nominating local bridges and residents – who would like to put forward their ideas – should get in touch with their council to find out about any bridge nomination plans to make sure we get the most out of this infrastructure funding.

"Better bridges improve safety and access for communities and keep the road freight sector powering on, delivering dollars into the pockets of local businesses and supporting jobs.

"By working together with governments at all levels – particularly local councils which often need a hand to get big-ticket projects underway – we are upgrading and repairing bridges in all corners of the country.

"In Queensland, the state and local governments are eligible to apply for up to \$5 million per project in Federal Government funding, which is a great injection into local infrastructure."

Under Round Three of the Bridges Renewal Programme, nominated projects will go through a competitive merit-based selection process with successful applicants eligible to receive up to 50% of project costs or \$5 million.

Round Three is open until May 15, 2017. Guidelines and proposal forms are available at www.infrastructure.gov.au/bridges

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