



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media statement

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#### **Fully-funded NDIS to make a difference in Maranoa: David Littleproud MP**

IT'S a once-in-a-generation landmark reform and now, for the first time, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be fully funded under the Coalition Government's bold plan that puts aside politics and commits assistance to those living with disability.

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud made an impassioned speech on the floor of the House of Representatives last week, drawing on local stories and experiences as inspiration.

"I would say there is no Australian in this nation who would not be in support of a 0.5% increase in the Medicare levy to support those vulnerable people who we need to protect," Mr Littleproud said.

Mr Littleproud has spoken with parents, family, friends and carers about their unique story and struggles while caring for someone they love with a disability in a rural region.

"For many rural families, there's limited supported housing for people with a disability and, when they can't live with their parents any longer, they're often forced to move. Often forced to relocate hundreds of kilometres away – away from their community and from everything they've ever known – to receive the care they need," he said.

"Parents have told me, with relieved tears in their eyes, they now see a future for their child under the NDIS – not only under their care but also when they physically can't look after their child or when parents pass away.

"This is about standing up and helping those with a disability, our most vulnerable Australians. Put the politics aside and stand with us, shoulder to shoulder, walk out of this parliament and say that we have done the right thing.

"Forget the politics, forget the vitriol, this is about real people's lives. It is not about the next election."

Under the government's plan, outlined in the Federal Budget last week, the NDIS would be funded by a 2.5% Medicare levy (up from 2%) set to raise \$8.2 billion over three years from 2018.

To watch Mr Littleproud's speech in full, click on this link: <https://youtu.be/btOc5SallT8>

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