



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Fully-funded NDIS to make a difference in the South Burnett: Maranoa 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 the courageous work of disability support groups in the South Burnett as inspiration.

"I would say that 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.

"The Federal Opposition should be supporting the Cheryl Daltons of this world. She is with SBcare in Kingaroy.

"Labor should support the Nina Tempertons of this world. She is with South Burnett CTC; I have met with her.

"I have sat in their offices, with their staff and with their clients to listen to their heart-wrenching stories about the wonderful support provided.

"These professionals and those living with disability and their families need the support of a fully funded NDIS.

"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 here: <https://youtu.be/btOc5SalIT8>

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