



## 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 the Southern Downs: 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 a Southern Downs family's experience 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.

"A young lady from Allora, a small community of just 800 people, came and saw me with tears in her eyes. Her daughter has profound disabilities and was only put on the NDIS in the last couple of months.

"With tears in her eyes, she told me that she saw a future for her children, not only while she is here but when she has passes on. Her child may live because of the services we provide those young people.

"This is about you 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 — not play politics.

"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/btOc5SalIT8>

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