



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media statement

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Congratulations to Barcoo Mayor Bruce Scott for his Queen's Birthday 2017 Honours List recognition: Maranoa MP

MARANOA MP David Littleproud thanked Barcoo Shire Council Mayor Bruce Scott for his commitment to better communications in the bush after the remote Queensland trailblazer was today announced on the Queen's Birthday 2017 Honours List.

"Congratulations, Bruce, on your well-deserved recognition today and being presented with an OAM in the General Division of the Order of Australia for service to local government and community," Mr Littleproud said.

"For more than 10 years, the Barcoo and Diamantina communities lobbied for telecommunications infrastructure, often taken for granted in the city.

"Bruce was heavily involved in securing optic fibre in far Western Queensland – he truly has bush advocacy in his blood."

The Coalition Government recognised the significance of this project and invested \$5.95 million, through the National Stronger Regions Fund, to promote economic development in the bush.

"This construction of telecommunications infrastructure will provide high-speed internet access in the townships of Windorah, Birdsville, Bedourie, Jundah and Stonehenge," Mr Littleproud said.

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MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Mr Bruce Leslie SCOTT, Windorah Qld 4481 For service to local government, and to the community of Barcoo Shire. Service includes: Mayor, Barcoo Shire Council, since 2016, 2000-2012; Councillor, since 1994. Member, Central West Health and Hospital Service Board, 2012-2016. Representative/Consultant, Diamantina and Barcoo Shires Joint Fibre Optic Project, 2005- 2016. Chair, Desert Channels Queensland, 2013-2016. Director, Regional Natural Resource Management Groups Collective Board, 2013-2016. Chair, Outback Regional Roads Group. Co-Chair, Central West Regional Planning and Advisory Committee, since 2013. Director, Remote Area Planning And Development Board, since 2016 and 2000-2012. Past Member, Cooper's Creek Catchment Committee. Member, Queensland State Government SWER (Single Wire Earth Return) Reference Group, since 2006. Member, Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee, Federal Government, 2007-2011.

Ambassador, Queensland State Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries, since 2006. Member, Queensland State Government Geothermal Energy Working Group, since 2004. Committee Member, Tracking Tough Times Together Program, Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, since 2014. Committee Member, Night Parrot Recovery Team, since 2015. Committee Member, Rural Financial Counselling Service North Queensland, since 2016. Chair Central West Digital Strategy Reference Group, since 2016.

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