



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media statement

#### David Littleproud MP: One year representing us in Federal Parliament

JULY 2 will mark one year since David Littleproud was elected our Federal Member for Maranoa – we catch up with him to see what’s happened during the past 12 months.

“It’s been a very busy year and I have made it my mission to visit every corner of this vast and wonderful electorate so I know what matters to you, your family and business to enable me to be your voice and representative,” Mr Littleproud said.

Over the past 12 months, Mr Littleproud said his major wins for Maranoa included:

- More than **\$1.7 billion in Federal Government funding** across the entire Maranoa electorate from Roads to Recovery projects, to Safer Streets Program with CCTV camera installations and Skills for Education and Employment programs to stimulate local economies.
- In one of the largest investments ever seen in regional Australia, this Coalition Government will fund the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail project with an additional \$8.4 billion and this massive project is set to snake it’s way though the south-east corner of my electorate. Just three days after being elected, I attended an impacted landholders meeting – on the proposed Millmerran/ Cecil Plains alignment – and the lack of engagement with landholders was both obvious and concerning to me. That’s why I secured an **Inland Rail Review** to make sure our community is heard during this nation-building investment, set to create 16,000 jobs.
- Ensured the **Blackall-Tambo region** is included under crucial funding under the **Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)**. The NAIF offers up to \$5 billion, over five years, in concessional finance to encourage and complement private-sector investment in infrastructure that benefits communities in Northern Australia.
- Secured **\$8 million** to rebuild Winton’s iconic **Waltzing Matilda Centre** after it was destroyed by fire. The centre will be an Outback tourism hub and pays tribute to the folklore and history around the famous song penned in Winton by AB ‘Banjo’ Patterson in 1895.
- Held four **Community Ice Forums** in the Western Downs, Southern Downs and South Burnett working with the health, law enforcement and education sectors and communities to develop locally focused action plans to improve both preventative measures and treatment outcomes in Maranoa.
- Whether it was phone coverage, service obligations, data drought or cost – nothing was off limits at my **Telecommunications Forum** in Dalby where, for the first time,

high-level decision makers from Telstra, Optus and Vodafone were in the same room with local communities to discuss the unique telecommunications challenges we face in the bush.

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