



David Littleproud MP

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Community Ice Forum helps to nab drug traffickers in St George raids

MARANOA MP David Littleproud believes the St George community has said, 'enough was enough' and took a strong stand in the fight against drugs as 25 people were today arrested during raids in the town.

"I would like to congratulate the St George Queensland Police Service for their dedication to the community in the fight against ice as I understand this operation was 18 months in the making," Mr Littleproud said.

"The police said our Community Ice Forum played part in this result and I'm glad we were all able to pull together because the St George community have shown they don't want drugs in their town."

Mr Littleproud has held a series of community ice forums across his electorate, including one at St George on August 28.

"From today's raid in St George, I understand seven people were charged with drug trafficking so I know the town will breathe a sigh of relief because this result happened because of the community's vigilance and advocacy against drugs," he said.

"As a father of three boys, this menace scares me because I've heard the heart-breaking stories of mums and dads across Maranoa who watch helplessly as their children suffer the horrific consequences of ice – it doesn't discriminate because addiction can happen to anyone.

"Whether you're a user, recovering from addiction, family member, medical professional, involved in community support or law enforcement – and everyone in-between – we need an open and honest discussion.

"That's why I think these forums are successful as they're bringing people together to create region-specific action plans against ice and addiction."

The Federal Coalition Government will invest \$298 million, over four years, to combat illicit drug and alcohol use in Australia. To ensure our communities are represented and receive tailored support, preventative measures and treatment outcomes, Mr Littleproud hosted forums across Maranoa.

"I want to work 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," he said.

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