



David Littleproud MP

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Media Statement

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Maranoa MP's Chinchilla Community Ice Forum secures new support worker for our region

HAVING grown up in Chinchilla, Maranoa MP David Littleproud has seen first-hand how the drug ice has recently affected the region and that's why he's acted to support the community which shaped his life.

"As a result of the Chinchilla Community Ice Forum I held in June, it was clear our region needed more support so I was able to secure Federal Government funding for a new, full-time clinical worker to be based in our town to assist those, and their families, battling addiction," Mr Littleproud said.

"That's why I held these forums – to connect the community with government departments to establish what was, and wasn't, working in different regions.

"I was able to secure an extra \$293,000 in Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (DATS) funding which means we not only have a new support worker in Chinchilla but also a new rehabilitation service in Kingaroy and an extension of services in Dalby.

"I'm glad local voices were heard and the Darling Downs and West Moreton Primary Health Network (PHN) allocated additional services for a better targeted approach in these regions."

Mr Littleproud secured funding through the PHN – the Federal Government's healthcare local funding facilitator – for a new Lives Lived Well clinical worker to be based in Chinchilla.

"I made sure the PHN attended my forums and it became clear there was a need for new drug and alcohol treatment support service for our region," he said.

"This service boost is a great starting point, we still need more support for rural communities and I will continue to work to ensure services continue to improve."

Fact box:

- Lives Lived Well office: 67-71 Middle St, Chinchilla.
- Office Contact Number: 0417 674 333 or 1300 727 957.
- Opening Hours: 8.30am to 4.30pm.
- Services available: Can self-refer or other services may refer.

Mr Littleproud held a series of community ice forums across his electorate and, as a result, has secured:

Extra \$293,000 in Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (DATS) services for:

- Chinchilla: A new, full-time support worker;
- Kingaroy: A new rehabilitation service; and
- Dalby: Extension of services.

An extra \$70,000 for DATS to be provided to Drug ARM to deliver extra services in Warwick and Goondiwindi.

Funding and development of Local Drug Actions Teams to support communities in the:

- Balonne;
- Blackall-Tambo region;
- Granite Belt; and
- Paroo Shire.

Has also secured Federal Government for a new clinical worker in Roma and St George and additional services in Barcaldine and Longreach.

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