



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media statement

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#### **Maranoa MP fights Australia Post's heartless decision to cancel Jundah to Windorah mail run without warning**

MARANOA MP David Littleproud has demanded Australia Post reinstate its Jundah to Windorah mail run as delivery abruptly stopped last month because the service was cancelled without warning or community consultation.

"I'm absolutely furious Australia Post has pulled its mail service between Jundah and Windorah, from July 1, and didn't even bother to consult or give the community time to fight this heavy-handed decision," Mr Littleproud said.

"I've made urgent contact and formal representations to Australia Post, strongly urging this service be reinstated.

"The mail run is a lifeline in many bush communities – this is more than just letters and parcel delivery. In this part of my electorate, a fully-stocked pharmacy is located hundreds-of-kilometres away and this mail run delivered medication so it provided an imperative service for these remote communities.

"Previously the Jundah-Windorah service came out of Longreach. Now that this service has been cancelled, I understand mail is now directed back through Rockhampton, down to Brisbane and then back again via Toowoomba, Charleville, Quilpie and then Windorah.

"As a result of this service being cancelled, unacceptable mail delivery delays are being experienced as the service loop now takes about a week, rather than the three-hour drive from Longreach."

As the only federal electorate west of the Great Dividing Range in Queensland, better access is a strong priority for the Maranoa MP who is fighting hard for better support in the bush.

"I support Maranoa businesses and we can't afford to lose another service from the bush so I'm backing Jundah and Windorah all the way and demand Australia Post reinstate this imperative service," Mr Littleproud said.

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