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New bridges to be built at Emu Creek and Ravensbourne thanks to \$717,800 Federal Govt investment

TWO rural bridges at Emu Creek and Ravensbourne will receive much-needed upgrades thanks to \$717,800 in Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“Under Round Three of the Bridges Renewal Program, \$363,550 will be invested to replace the Emu Creek Hall Rd Bridge, near Emu Creek, increasing the load limit from 90T to 166T,” Mr Littleproud said.

“This upgrade will extend this bridge’s life and will improve access and safety, not only for the community during flooding but also this improved route will remove a potential 5km detour for heavy vehicles if the old bridge failed or load restrictions were further reduced.

“In Ravensbourne, \$354,250 will be invested to replace and widen the Post Office Rd culvert – increasing the load limit from 90T to 166T – improving community access and safety.

“The Coalition Government is committed to supporting local communities to deliver the infrastructure they need and, one of the best things about this program, was that local councils and communities were invited to submit projects according to local priorities.

“As a result, more than \$2.6 million will be invested by the Federal Government into bridge upgrades to improve safety and our transport network across my Maranoa electorate.”

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said the \$162.53 million funding toward round three of the Bridges Renewal Program was in addition to the \$216 million committed under the first two rounds.

“The renewal and upgrade of 186 bridges under this round will deliver social and economic benefits throughout regional Australia,” Mr Chester said.

The Federal Government’s financial commitment in this round will be matched by successful proponents. To allow for a wider distribution of projects, the Australian Government’s contribution under round three has been limited to \$5 million per project.

For more Bridges Renewal Program, check out: www.infrastructure.gov.au/bridges

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Successful Maranoa projects:

Council	Project name	Brief project description	Total Federal Govt funding	Total project cost
Paroo Shire Council	Deep Creek Bridge, Mt Alfred Rd, Wyandra	Replace and widen the one-lane timber bridge with a two-lane concrete bridge maintaining the 166T limit	\$390,000	\$780,000
Southern Downs Regional Council	Palmer Bridge Replacement, Freestone Rd, Freestone	Replace and widen the single-lane timber bridge with a two-lane concrete bridge increasing the load limit from 42.5T to 166T.	\$1,494,000	\$2,988,000
Toowoomba Regional Council	BR217 Emu Creek Hall Rd Bridge Replacement, Emu Creek	Replace and widen the single-lane timber bridge with a concrete bridge, increasing the load limit from 90T to 166T.	\$363,550	\$727,100
Toowoomba Regional Council	BR298 Post Office Road Culvert Replacement, Ravensbourne	Replace and widen culvert, increasing the load limit from 90T to 166T allowing for improved community access and safety, and the removal of a potential 2km detour if bridge fails or load restrictions are enforced.	\$354,250	\$708,500
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