



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Disaster assistance extended to Barcaldine and Maranoa council regions

MARANOA MP David Littleproud said disaster assistance has been extended to the local government areas of Barcaldine and Maranoa in his electorate which were affected by severe weather last month.

Assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

“Heavy rainfall resulted in the flooding of creeks and gullies and NDRRA funding is being made available to support response operations and repair flood damaged assets, including local roads,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Several roads were closed due to flooding and fallen power lines, disrupting the normal transport routes across these regions.

“In the Maranoa council region, heavy rainfall and flooding damaged road infrastructure, causing road closures in Injune, Roma, Surat, Yuleba and Mitchell.

“Barcaldine bore the brunt of gale force winds, resulting in considerable clean-up of plant debris and damage to key infrastructure.

“The Federal and State governments will continue to monitor the situation and will extend assistance under the NDRRA to other affected communities as required.”

Information on disaster assistance can be found on the Federal Government’s Disaster Assist website: www.disasterassist.gov.au

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Event description: Queensland has extended NDRRA assistance to Barcaldine and Maranoa, which were impacted by storms on February 21-22, 2018.

Barcaldine: Barcaldine was affected by gale force winds. As a result of the strong winds, trees fell across roads and there was considerable green waste debris. Community buildings have been damaged.

Maranoa: There was heavy rainfall which resulted in creeks and gullies flooding. Several roads were closed due to flooding and damage. Normal transport routes across the local government area was affected by road closures.

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