



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media statement

March 29, 2018

#### **Disaster assistance extended to Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo and Diamantina**

MARANOA MP David Littleproud said disaster assistance has been extended to the local government areas of Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo and Diamantina in his electorate which were affected by flooding in late February and early March 2018.

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

“Funding is being made available through the NDRRA to support response operations and repair flood damaged assets, including local roads,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Councils reported significant damage to local and state roads, including scouring, gravel loss and pavement failures.

“The floodwaters isolated communities from neighbouring townships and cut off access to essential supplies and services.

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

Mr Littleproud said this assistance to Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo and Diamantina is in addition to NDRRA support already on offer to Barcaldine, Winton and Longreach council regions which were also impacted by the same weather event.

In Maranoa, the NDRRA assistance measures have been activated:

- **Personal hardship and distress assistance – Category A:** Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Diamantina, Longreach and Winton.
- **Removal of debris from residential properties to make them safe and habitable – Category A:** Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Diamantina, Longreach and Winton.
- **Counter Disaster Operations – Category A and B:** Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Diamantina, Longreach and Winton.
- **Restoration of Essential Public Assets – Category B:** Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Diamantina, Longreach and Winton.

Information on disaster assistance can be found on the Australian Government's Disaster Assist website: [www.disasterassist.gov.au](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au)

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**Background:**

Event description: The onset of a low pressure system over North Queensland and its progression over North West Queensland produced record seasonal rainfall and flooding since February 24, 2018.

**Barcoo (NDRRA extended):**

The community was impacted by floodwaters from rainfall and flooded river catchments. Residents were isolated due to numerous road closures. At the time when the Queensland Government submitted the notification, it was expected that there would be damage to essential public assets.

**Diamantina (NDRRA extended):**

The community was impacted by floodwaters. Flood waters inundated roads, isolating residents. At the time when the Queensland Government submitted the notification, it was expected that there would be damage to essential public assets.

**Blackall-Tambo (NDRRA extended):**

Communities have been isolated by floodwaters. Damage to essential public assets has been reported. Council deployed teams to manage road closures and load limits.

**Barcaldine:**

Council reported communities being isolated by floodwaters and damage to essential public assets. Rural properties had restricted access.

**Winton:**

Council carried out sandbagging operations and closed local roads. Council reported damage to essential public assets. Council reported properties being inundated.

**Longreach:**

Properties were isolated by floodwaters. Council reported damage to essential public assets including roads. Council closed roads and put in place load limits.

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