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Federal Member for Maranoa

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Goondiwindi receives \$500,000 for TC Debbie recovery

The Goondiwindi levee bank damaged during Severe Tropical Cyclone (STC) Debbie will undergo a \$500,000 restoration thanks to joint Federal and Queensland government funding.

The funding is part of a \$40 million Betterment Fund available under the joint Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) to help local government areas in Queensland with their recovery following Severe Tropical Cyclone (STC) Debbie.

Maranoa MP David Littleproud said the Betterment Fund would enable communities to rebuild stronger and more disaster-resilient public assets.

“This funding for the Goondiwindi Regional Council will help rebuild the levee back to a more resilient standard and help the community withstand future disasters,” Mr Littleproud said.

“This Betterment funding takes the total investment in the levee to over \$1 million and will give the people of Goondiwindi confidence that when the next storm and flood hits, their community will be better protected.

The Goondiwindi Regional Council also committed \$20,000 to the project, which will protect the levee against damage from future flooding events.

The Queensland Government has so far approved 57 Betterment projects from 16 councils with a Betterment value of over \$24 million. Submissions are still being assessed.

For more information on the 2017 Betterment program and other Category D funding associated with STC Debbie, visit <http://qldreconstruction.org.au/ndrra/exceptional-circumstances-category-dfunding-following-stc-debbie>

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