



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media statement

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#### **Making Australia safer by deporting criminals and creating a strategic effort to combat child abuse**

THUGS and dangerous criminals will get a one-way ticket back to where they came from under new rules to make it easier to deport foreign nationals, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

“This is a strong stance against people who enter our country and break our laws because they’re obviously not compatible with Australian values or respect our way of life,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Since these rules came into effect under the Coalition Government, more than 3000 criminals have had their visas cancelled including 61 murders, 135 rapists, 260 child sex offenders and 170 criminal motorcycle gang members.

“Not only is it critical for visitors and new citizens to respect our way of life but also that Australians have confidence in the process which determines whether someone is a suitable candidate for such an important privilege of staying in our country.

“These new rules will keep you and your family safe because this stance puts our values at the heart of what it means to be Australian.”

Mr Littleproud said deportation of foreign nationals for criminal activity is just one step in Coalition Government’s plan to make our nation safer.

“We will also provide funding in the 2018-19 Budget – \$68.6 million over the forward estimates – to create a new national effort to combat the global epidemic of child abuse,” he said.

“The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE), under the Department of Home Affairs, will create a hub in Queensland of expertise and specialist skills needed to disrupt, prevent, investigate and prosecute perpetrators of child abuse and child exploitation material.

“The level of repulsive abuse of children and dissemination of exploitation material is becoming more prevalent and the nature of it more violent and extreme.

“ACCCE will be led by the Australian Federal Police but will also draw on the resources of all agencies within the Home Affairs portfolio such as intelligence, tracking, cyber security, border control, research and policy support.

“It will link into state agencies and, importantly, non-government organisations with expertise in dealing with and combatting child exploitation.”

ACCCE will be based in Brisbane due to its proximity to the Asia-Pacific and its status as a cyber-hub.

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