



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media statement

March 29, 2017

#### **Southern Downs receives \$900,000 for TC Debbie recovery**

ROADS and floodways damaged in the Southern Downs region will be restored with more than \$900,000 in funding from the Commonwealth and Queensland governments.

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 16 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 Southern Downs Regional Council will help rebuild vital infrastructure to a more resilient standard and help the community withstand future disasters,” Mr Littleproud said.

“This Betterment funding takes the NDRRA investment in rebuilding these assets in the Southern Downs to more than \$1.2 million.

“This funding will help keep roads open and transport moving during flood events, reducing disruption to our families, businesses and travel.”

The Southern Downs Regional Council has also committed more than \$200,000 to the Betterment projects which will make our community better prepared for the next time a disaster strikes.

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-d-funding-following-stc-debbie>.

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Location: Southern Downs	Infrastructure	NDRRA work
Merivale Road	Floodway	Extending existing concrete floodway and apron, sealing the crossing approaches and installing rock protection. This increased resilience aims to mitigate the risk of scouring, allowing the road to re-open sooner following significant rainfall.
North Branch Road	Floodway	Constructing cut-off walls and installing rock protection to the existing floodway to increase resilience, following scouring and damage to the rock protection during STC Debbie.
Pigeons Road	Causeway	Extending the concrete causeway on each approach of the crossing, as well as installing aprons and batter protection to increase scour protection. The project will increase resilience, mitigating the risk of scouring and allowing the road to re-open sooner, following significant rainfall.
Upper Forest Springs Road	Road	Constructing concrete wing walls and scour protection to the existing culvert structure to increase resilience and to mitigate the risk of scouring and further damage.
Wiyarra Cedar Crossing Road	Road	Sealing the road surface to increase resilience against scour and rutting, and improve function of the associated table drains.

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