



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media statement

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Western Downs receives \$1.9 million for TC Debbie recovery

Roads damaged in the Western Downs region will be restored with more than \$1.9 million in funding from the Federal 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 local government areas in Queensland with their recovery following Severe Tropical Cyclone 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 Western Downs Regional Council will help rebuild vital infrastructure to a more resilient standard and help the community withstand future disasters,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The funding will enable the council to upgrade sections of Kents Rd and Upper Humbug Rd in preparedness from damage caused future flooding events and enable the roads to be reopened sooner.

The Western Downs Regional Council has also committed more than \$285,000 to the Betterment projects, which will see the roads sealed with bitumen to increase resilience.

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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