



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

---

# Media Statement

**31 May 2018**

### **Apply now for The Hon David Littleproud MP Bursary to help rural women access tertiary education**

TO ENCOURAGE rural women to pursue further study, Maranoa MP David Littleproud has offered a \$1000 bursary through the National Council of Women of Queensland (NCWQ).

“I know how important it is to ensure our next generation of young women thrive and are able to access financial support while studying. I am thrilled to be part of such a great initiative,” Mr Littleproud said.

The Maranoa MP – who represents more than 42% of Queensland and some of the most remote communities in the state – said many students were forced to move from their local community in order to pursue further study after finishing school.

“Targeting education at students is a continual effort: identifying those with the motivation to study, tracking their progress and supporting their ambitions are all important factors,” he said.

“This bursary is designed for a female first year, full-time student in a tertiary course, such as university, TAFE or the Conservatorium of Music. I believe it is important to support and nurture a variety of study fields.”

To be eligible for the bursary, applicants must also be a constituent of the Maranoa electorate, although they may have relocated for their studies. They must also be an Australian citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia.

“We understand that moving out of your local community to pursue further study can be daunting and costly. That’s why I think this is such a great initiative by the NCWQ,” he said.

“I hope to see many young people return to the bush and apply their skills in a range of different industries to grow our region. That’s why I’m committed to supporting our youth and giving them every opportunity possible.”

Applications for The Hon. David Littleproud MP Bursary close Monday, June 4, 2018.

Almost 30 bursaries are currently on offer for the 2018 NCWQ Bursary program.

For more information on the NCWQ Bursary program and how to apply, check out:

<http://ncwq.org.au/bursaries-3>

–ENDS–

**Media Contact:**

Annabelle Douglas

M: 068 901 548

E: [annabelle.douglas@aph.gov.au](mailto:annabelle.douglas@aph.gov.au)

---