



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

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Barcaldine receives Federal Government funding boost of \$1.8 million through Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Stream

AGED care is about to be boosted in the Barcaldine region thanks to \$1.8 million in Federal Government funding, announced today by Federal MP David Littleproud.

“This \$1.8 million injection – under the Infrastructure Projects stream of the Building Better Regions Fund – will see the construction of six new aged care units in the Barcaldine region for our seniors who are no longer able to live in their own homes, or who are unable to access support services to allow them to remain in their own homes,” Mr Littleproud said

“I believe one of the greatest tragedies for bush communities is when our seniors are forced to move away – move from their family, friends and everything they have ever known – to a larger town or city to receive care as their needs change.

“To help our seniors stay in the rural communities they love – and where they are loved – the Coalition Government funding means our seniors who need assisted care can remain within the Barcaldine region, with friends and family.”

Mr Littleproud said through the second round of the Infrastructure Projects stream, of the Building Better Regions Fund, \$9.4 million will be invested to support projects in the Maranoa.

Under round two of the Infrastructure Projects stream – through the Building Better Regions Fund – the Coalition Government will invest more than \$200 million in 136 projects with a total leveraged project value of \$459 million..

“The Coalition has a plan for regional Australia and we are focused on getting it done. It’s a plan to create more jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities”.

The second round of the Building Better Regions Fund, which includes the Community Investments stream and the Infrastructure Projects stream, is expected to create some 10,000 jobs from over 240 projects.

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