



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Quilpie receives Federal Government funding boost of \$3.615 through Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Stream**

AN EXCITING tourism destination – where you can uncover fossils and dinosaurs which roamed the land near Quilpie – will receive a Federal Government funding boost of \$3.615 million to construct a museum, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“This funding injection of \$3.615 million for stage two of the Eromanga Natural History Museum will see a museum constructed for research and to display a collection of local fossil discoveries,” Mr Littleproud said.

“It will increase community participation with the museum through volunteering and school visits, as well as interaction by tourists and academics, leading to an increase in liveability of the region.”

Mr Littleproud said economic diversification for bush communities hit by ongoing drought was integral to supporting towns and small business during hard times.

“A recent Tourism Research Australia survey found domestic and international tourism spending has hit a record of \$121 billion dollars. This is great news for the Australian economy, workers and small business so I anticipate this funding will help our region to grab a larger piece of this tourism action,” he said.

“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”.

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.

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