



## **The Hon Michael McCormack MP**

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional  
Development

Leader of The Nationals

Federal Member for Riverina



**Bulloo**  
Shire

**Cr John Ferguson**

Mayor of Bulloo Shire Council

## **The Hon David Littleproud MP**

Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

Federal Member for Maranoa

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#### **A BIG HULLABALOO FOR OPENING OF BULLOO RIVER WALK**

Avid walkers can now take a tranquil stroll along the first stage of the Bulloo River Walk, with the upgraded walkway set to boost tourism and encourage more people to appreciate the native flora and fauna of the Bulloo River Catchment.

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud, who joined the Bulloo community today for the opening, said the new walkway and cycle path will be a drawcard for tourists and will boost the local economy.

“This project will see more local residents and tourists getting outside to explore the natural beauty of the Bulloo River and Pelican Point, and it will also bring an increase in trade for local business – making this a fantastic asset for the Bulloo community,” Mr Littleproud said.

“This project includes replacing a 350-metre gravel section of the Bulloo River Walk with a concrete path, repairing damage to the foot bridge, as well as rustproofing to ensure this upgrade lasts into well into the future.”

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the Liberal and Nationals’ Government has invested more than \$230,000 in Bulloo River Walk under the Drought Communities Program.

“Across regional Australia, we are investing in communities to ensure they continue to thrive by creating more local jobs, contributing to regional economies, and helping to sustain businesses and services,” Mr McCormack said.

“We understand how critical it is for people in these areas to upskill, and I am pleased to hear that it was local contractors who helped construct this river walk project.”

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Mayor of Bulloo Shire John Ferguson said the project provided employment for up to a dozen local residents affected by the drought and, where possible, materials were sourced from local and regional suppliers.

“As envisaged, the Bulloo River Walk has proven to be a draw card to visitors and locals as it provides a pleasant and scenic all-weather path to walk, jog, or ride their bicycles without fear of accident or injury,” Cr Ferguson said.

“Council would like to thank the Australian Government for making this funding available to help keep the spirit of our small community alive during these hard times of drought and financial uncertainty.”

The Bulloo River Walk Project upgrade was jointly funded with the Australian Government investing \$232,136 and the Bulloo Shire Council \$2,560.

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