



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

# Media Statement

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### **SAFER ROADS AND MORE EFFICIENT ROUTES FOR SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Southern Downs Regional Council will benefit from \$395,000 in new safety road upgrades thanks to the Federal Coalition Government, Member for Maranoa David Littleproud announced today.

“Southern Downs will receive federal funding to upgrade East Street Ogilvie Road and Depot Road, Warwick,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The investment will go towards the widening and sealing of 2.6km of road and upgrading intersections. This will complete a B-double route and provide a bypass around the town centre.

“This is about making our network safer for locals, truckies and tourists. Driving is part of life out here and we want people getting home sooner and safer.

“Too many country people die or are injured on our roads.

“Country people are three times more likely to die on the road than their city cousins. We need to cut our deaths and injuries by investing in better roads out west.”

Mr Littleproud said the funding would also improve the efficiency of important heavy vehicle routes.

“A safer, more efficient freight network helps our economy. We want to see more of our agricultural produce on the market and create more jobs around the region,” he said.

“Getting product from paddock to plate in the most efficient way helps us grow our agriculture and transport industries.”

The funding has been received under Round Six of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program. There are five projects in Maranoa worth \$12 million in total.

<b>PROPONENT</b>	<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA</b>	<b>AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING (\$)</b>
Southern Downs Regional Council	Southern Downs Regional Council	\$395,000

Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.	Maranoa Regional Council	\$3,361,000
Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.	Toowoomba Regional Council	\$4,631,500
Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.	Maranoa Regional Council	\$1,440,000
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