



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

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Dear Warwick Daily News Editor,

RE: “Senator visit reveals Labor’s next steps with Maranoa seat” (published Warwick Daily News September 8, 2018)

I’m writing to correct the record in “Senator visit reveals Labor’s next steps with Maranoa seat” (published WDN, 08/09/18) article which sets out Labor’s vision for Maranoa and the “region’s unwavering Liberal voting history”.

I have the great honour in representing this wonderful and diverse electorate and, as the Maranoa representative in the Federal Parliament, I sit in the Nationals party room – a strong voice for regional Queensland. As stated in the article, Maranoa is “widely regarded as one of the nation’s safest Liberal seats” is incorrect. I have never taken Maranoa for granted and I never will.

Maranoa spans about 42% of rural Queensland – representing some of the most remote communities in the state – so it was a rare sighting to witness a Queensland Labor Senator step foot outside of Brisbane and traverse the Great Diving Range and visit our part of the world.

I’m proud to say that my entire life has been spent in Maranoa – I was born and grew up in Chinchilla, raise my family here and started a small business in Warwick. I’ve also lived in Miles, Nanango, Charleville, St George and Stanthorpe.

My financial background has provided me with an acute understanding of the important role small business and agriculture play in creating jobs and promoting economic growth in Maranoa. I understand the importance of economic development as a means of building a prosperous future for younger generations and developing the capacity of health, education, agriculture, telecommunications and small business sectors.

Some of the biggest achievements for Southern Downs during my time Maranoa MP include upgrading the road between Warwick and Wallangara (\$11.6 million funding), the John Dee investment to expand the export beef abattoir (\$4.8 million funding) and the Killarney Aged Care Investment (\$5.2 million funding) to upgrade eight existing residential care places and construct an additional eight units.

I will continue to fight hard for our bush communities regardless of how long I am given the privilege to serve as the Maranoa MP. It is an honour to serve our communities which have shaped me into the person I am today to be your voice in Federal Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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