



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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QLD LABOR TURNS ITS BACK ON AUSTRALIAN TRADIES

Federal Member for Maranoa David has criticised the Queensland Labor State Government for snubbing a \$245 million federal partnership to get more young people skilled and working.

“Labor has turned its back on 50,000 apprenticeship and training places over the next four years,” Mr Littleproud said.

“We put aside \$1.5 billion in the 2017-18 budget to help state and territory governments increase apprenticeships and traineeships.

“This idiotic decision will make it harder for young tradies to get ahead.”

Mr Littleproud said the funding was offered after almost 18 months of discussions between federal and state Ministers and officials.

“Every state and territory in Australia got on board apart from Queensland and Victoria,” he said.

“It’s no surprise the two states that didn’t sign up are both under Labor Governments.

“The Coalition Government has committed \$75 billion to infrastructure investments, including major upgrades to the Warrego Highway, and we need a skilled workforce to build them.

“The Labor Governments of Queensland and Victoria are playing politics with the future of Australian tradies and our future workforce needs.”

The funding was offered through Skilling Australian Fund which supports the next generation of skilled trades workers.

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