



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **ANZ bank abandons 61 bush communities in Maranoa by backing out of Australia Post deal**

Take your banking elsewhere, that's the war-cry from Maranoa MP David Littleproud as ANZ this month pulled services – through its link with Australia Post – from 61 rural and remote communities.

"I've had a couple in Chinchilla contact me, absolutely shattered that they've supported ANZ for 60 years and now their bank's going to abandon the town through its affiliation with Australia Post," Mr Littleproud said.

"It's not just Chinchilla though, ANZ's this month pulled services from 61 rural and remote communities in my electorate from Crows Nest to Charleville, to Warwick to Winton and Dalby to Dirranbandi.

"My advice in response to this callousness? Take your business elsewhere because ANZ obviously doesn't care about country people who've supported it for decades as ANZ's decided to abandon bush communities and leave customers high-and-dry.

Mr Littleproud's spray at the major bank was in response to ANZ putting profits ahead of people by refusing to continue a partnership with Australia Post which enabled post offices to act as a mini bank branch – a service vital to rural communities.

"ANZ made a whopping \$9.9 billion profit last year and won't spend a measly \$22 million to partner with Australia Post to guarantee local services in the bush – this appalling decision really shows it puts profits ahead of people," Mr Littleproud said.

The Commonwealth Bank, NAB and Westpac have each agreed to pay \$22 million to continue a partnership with Australia Post.

### **ANZ will no longer offer its services through Australia Post at these communities in**

**Maranoa:** Allora, Alpha, Aramac, Augathella, Ballandean, Barcaldine, Bell, Birdsville, Blackall, Blackbutt, Bollon, Cecil Plains, Charleville, Chinchilla, Clifton, Crows Nest, Cunnamulla, Dalby, Dalveen, Dirranbandi, Goondiwindi, Ilfracombe, Inglewood, Injune, Isisford, Jandowae, Jericho, Jundah, Killarney, Kingaroy, Leyburn, Longreach, Meandarra, Miles, Millmerran, Mitchell, Morven, Muttaborra, Nanango, Quilpie, Roma, St George, Stanthorpe, Surat, Talwood, Tambo, Tara, Texas, Thargomindah, The Summit, Wallangarra, Wallumbilla, Wandoan, Warwick, Windorah, Winton, Wooroolin, Yangan, Yarraman, Yelarbon, Yuleba

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