



David Littleproud MP

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Keeping Aged Care Local, Close to Family and Friends

Maranoa MP David Littleproud has secured \$454,740 in funding to upgrade Illoura Village aged care residence in Chinchilla.

The funding was secured through the Aged Care Regional, Rural and Remote Infrastructure Grants initiative - an important part of the Coalition Federal Government's commitment to providing the best quality aged care for senior Australians.

"This make-over will provide a new level of comfort for seniors and I think that has a huge flow-on effect in the community knowing that our seniors are feeling comfortable and cared for," Mr Littleproud said.

Funds will be allocated to:

- Upgrade residents rooms to resolve accessibility issues
- Increase safety
- Install slip resistance flooring
- Upgrade cabinetry infrastructure.

"This funding represents an opportunity for aged care residences to provide modern, comfortable facilities and reassures families and friends that our seniors don't have to travel a long way for better care," Mr Littleproud said.

"I think it's a tragedy is when our seniors are forced to move away from family, friends and community - move away from everything they've ever known - to a larger town or city to receive care as their needs change.

"Funding for this project goes a long way to making sure our seniors feel comfortable - satisfied with the residence and close to their family and friends.

"The alternative, moving seniors into aged care facilities in larger towns and cities where they may not know people is a major upheaval. That also has an impact on family and friends who remain at home.

"The Coalition Federal Government's funding package for aged care residences goes some way to addressing that challenge and creating a chance for seniors to stay, hopefully, much closer to their base of loved ones and family."

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