



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Dob in a Dealer campaign kicks off with media launch in Warwick on Friday, February 8.**

Providing anonymous tipoffs to Crime Stoppers' Dob in a Dealer hotline is one of the most simple and active ways community members can do their bit to tackle the trade and consumption of illicit substances, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

"As a father, the drug scourge scares me because addiction can target anyone," Mr Littleproud said.

"Drugs don't discriminate. Addiction wrecks lives, families and communities – that's why it takes all of us to stand together in this fight against drugs because the standard you walk past is the standard you accept."

Preventing availability of drugs greatly reduces the chances of at-risk individuals, addicts and recovering addicts from falling into peer pressure situations that are very difficult to leave.

Most sales of drugs happen between friends, or friends of friends, and Crime Stoppers believes that more than just criminals have important information needed to solve crimes.

"By taking grassroots action with watchful eyes and open ears, and passing on whatever information we have, no matter how small it may seem, we can all help combat drugs and its abhorrent impact on our communities," Mr Littleproud said.

"The big picture is that by letting Crime Stoppers know what you've seen or heard helps protect each other's lives, increases public safety and security."

"There is no guilt in dobbing in a dealer who targets people just like you or our loved ones."

"As a result of last year's campaign and the knowledge some of you may have shared with police, there was an 86% increase in drug-related reports in Queensland – which leads to action and drugs off our streets."

"The information you know, and impart, may be the key to helping sustain a safe and trusting community well into the future."

For more information, visit <https://www.crimestoppers.com.au/dob-dealer>.

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