



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Federal Funding To Help Barcaldine Cut Power Costs, Improve Amenities**

Maranoa MP David Littleproud has secured \$1 million worth of funding for projects in the Barcaldine Regional Council through the Drought Communities Programme - Federal Government funding specifically designated to support communities in the most drought-affected regions of Australia.

“Barcaldine Regional Council will allocate the funds into solar power installation, water conservation, as well as amenity block, fencing and carport construction,” Mr Littleproud said.

“It’s great to see the Council taking proactive measures to cut electricity costs for ratepayers by installing solar panels at offices, work depots and swimming pools.”

“I hope this measure helps ease some of the pressure on ratepayers as they battle drought.”

Funds will also be used to conserve water at the Council office and parks through the implementation of an automatic water system.

Aramac’s showgrounds will get a new amenities building, providing new toilets and showers for sports carnivals, rodeos and tourists.

New internal displays and a prehistoric garden at the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre in Muttaborra are sure to attract tourists.

“I commend Barcaldine Council on its visionary efforts that will appeal to tourists’ sense of adventure and interest in the prehistoric Outback as they pass through the region,” he said.

“It is the Year of the Outback and to support communities affected by this ongoing drought, I encourage everyone to get on the road and explore your backyard in the Outback and help these towns along the way.”

### **Funding allocations:**

Aramac Showground Amenities Building: \$200,000

Solar Power Installation - \$280,000

Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre - Stage 3 - \$170,000

Regional Water Conservation - \$220,000

Barcaldine Campdraft Arena Fencing - \$60,000

Motor Vehicle Shade and Storage - \$70,000

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