



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### Funds for Diamantina Will Restore Mud Hut

Maranoa MP David Littleproud has secured \$81,352 worth of funding to restore Mud Hut at Bedourie, in the Diamantina Shire Council region, through the Drought Communities Programme - Federal Government funding specifically designated to support communities in the most drought-affected regions of Australia.

“During this Year of the Outback it is important to make sure Mud Hut is kept at its best and serves as a well-preserved attraction for both tourists and locals alike to learn from and enjoy,” Mr Littleproud said.

Restoration of Mud Hut includes removing house paint from exterior walls, rebuilding exterior walls where decaying has occurred and upgrading the drainage system. Refurbishment works will also take place to preserve the building.

“So much iconic history lies at Mud Hut, which was originally built as stopover for drovers moving cattle from Northern Queensland to Adelaide,” he said.

“Diamantina Shire Council is a great custodian of the Mud Hut and their work in preserving such a valuable piece of the Outback’s story is vital for all of us to understand how the cattle industry worked in the early days.”

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