



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Keeping Aged Care Local, Close to Family and Friends

Maranoa MP David Littleproud has secured \$480,264 in funding to upgrade Allora's Southern Cross Care aged care residence.

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.

Funds will be used to:

- Upgrade en suites to resolve accessibility issues
- Increase safety
- Replace deteriorating fixtures and paintwork.

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

"We want to support seniors in our community and provide reassurance that that relevant care and services are available."

For many seniors, it is a huge challenge to move to a larger town or city for aged care services, which can result in a sense of displacement.

"This funding supports aged care providers to meet the needs of our seniors without them having to a larger town or city to receive care as their needs change," Mr Littleproud said.

"It is very sad when our seniors are forced to move away – from their family, friends and everything they have ever known – to a larger town or city to receive care and I think this funding initiative goes a long way to addressing that challenge.

"This funding encourages our seniors to stay closer to their loved ones and friends. Keeping that bridge open for social access is very important."

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