



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 \$438,000 in funding to upgrade Killarney's Leslie Place Aged Persons Hostel.

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.

"The refurbishment of an 18-place dementia secure unit and the installation of fire sprinklers, air-conditioning and ventilation are going to keep our seniors feeling comfortable and guarantee that this aged care facility remains in active service in Killarney well into the future," Mr Littleproud said.

"It's heartbreaking for rural communities when 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.

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

Making sure seniors feel comfortable is important not only for the aged care resident but also friends and loved ones.

"Most of all, it is important to try and keep seniors close to their loved ones and friends because keeping that bridge open for social access is a priority," Mr Littleproud said.

"This funding encourages greater investment and more support for the elderly members of our community.

"It is also reassuring for elderly members of Killarney because they have peace of mind knowing that relevant care and services are available."

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