



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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### Media Statement

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#### **Barcoo region's airstrips set for a new kind of lightshow Maranoa MP announces**

Three airstrips in the Barcoo region will be soon be upgraded with state-of-the-art lighting thanks to \$35,000 in Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“New lighting will be installed – to help make night landings and takeoffs safer - at the Windorah, Stonehenge and Jundah airstrips under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The Windorah airstrip’s power facility will also be upgraded while Stonehenge and Jundah airstrips have emergency backup lighting installed.

“Having that option to travel by plane at night is vital for every remote community.

“Keeping our airstrips in top-notch condition is crucial for services like Royal Flying Doctor Service, Australia Post, freight and other air transport services to continue to service local needs across the Barcoo region.

“Upgrades like this will ensure that locals can remain well-connected, overcoming the effects of the tyranny of distance.

“This Coalition Federal Government is continuing our investment in vital infrastructure in our bush communities, particularly through key air transport works which are a lifeline for many isolated communities stretched across Maranoa.”

In total Mr Littleproud secured \$487,243 through Round Six of the Coalition Federal Government’s Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program, where upgrade works will also be carried out at the Aramac and Cunnamulla airstrips.

For more information on the program visit

<https://infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/regional/raug.aspx>.

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