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Federal Member for Maranoa

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Chinchilla's Illoura Village aged care residence offers 15 new places: \$1.05 million in Fed Gov't funds secured

FIFTEEN new places will soon be available at Chinchilla's Illoura Village thanks to more than \$1 million secured through the Aged Care Approvals Round, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"The Coalition Government is committed to making sure our seniors get the best care available and as close to their homes as possible," Mr Littleproud said.

"Illoura Village will use this funding to make sure more of our seniors and their loved ones don't have to go through the anguish of searching far and wide for a place.

"I think it's a tragedy is when our seniors are forced to move away from family, friends and community - move away from everything they've ever known - to a larger town or city to receive care as their needs change.

"Funding for this project goes a long way to making sure our seniors feel comfortable - satisfied with the residence and close to their family and friends.

"The alternative, moving seniors into aged care facilities in larger towns and cities where they may not know people is a major upheaval. That also has an impact on family and friends who remain at home.

"The Coalition Federal Government's funding package for aged care residences goes some way to addressing that challenge and creating a chance for seniors to stay, hopefully, much closer to their base of loved ones and family."

Chinchilla is one of many regional, rural and remote regions across Australia that will benefit, with almost 40% of all new residential aged care places allocated to non-metropolitan areas.

About \$5.9 million has been secured by four aged care facilities in the Maranoa electorate, through this round of ACAR funding..

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