



David Littleproud MP

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Media Statement

Funding to strengthen Goondiwindi's Local Drug Action Team to tackle ice and addiction

ICE: It's one of the most destructive and addictive drugs of our time and Maranoa MP David Littleproud has made it his mission to fight this scourge by securing \$10,000 in funding to deliver targeted local action in the Goondiwindi region.

"The Coalition Federal Government has joined forces with Care Goondiwindi Association who will receive an initial \$10,000 to help them to refine a local community action plan," Mr Littleproud said.

"Each team will have an opportunity to apply for additional funding to support the delivery of local activities once their plans are finalised.

"Tackling ice has always been a strong commitment for me as addiction destroys families and our communities – that's why this locally-focused action team is so important in helping communities to stamp out this scourge."

Care Goondiwindi Association will bolster the 172 LDATs already funded around Australia to receive funding for community level projects. In Maranoa under this latest round of funding, LDATs in South Burnett, Inglewood, Barcaldine and Winton will also be supported.

Mr Littleproud's passion to develop locally focused and responsive action plans to reduce the impact of drugs – with a particular focus on ice – has kicked off an innovative approach.

"I've held forums across Maranoa to ensure our unique community needs are represented in the approach to tackle ice and addiction," he said.

"There are more than 200,000 Australians using ice so, to help people stop using, we need to get the right mix of services and I believe community involvement is key to securing the best outcomes for our rural communities.

"Whether you're a user, recovering from addiction, family member, medical professional, involved in community support or law enforcement – and everyone in-between – we need an open and honest discussion and that's what my forums deliver.

"Because what works in one region may not be suitable for another community and that's why a targeted and engaged approach is so important."

For more information on the program or details on how to apply, organisations are encouraged to visit <https://community.adf.org.au/implement>

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