



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Capitalising on Maranoa's potential: MP David Littleproud

I'm proud to have secured \$4.7 billion in Federal funding over the last 3 years for Maranoa which has simply been about us getting our fair share.

Across Maranoa I've fought to get its fair share for things such as:

- \$1.11 billion for local roads and transport.
- \$4.8 million for the development of a Cold Store facility in Warwick that will protect 630 existing jobs, create 143 new full-time jobs and 138 indirect new full-time jobs and 80 construction jobs.
- \$6.97 million in the Barcaldine region to upgrade the Clermont-Alpha Road and improve cattle supply chains.
- \$8.1 million for pests, weeds and wild dog control across Maranoa.
- Delivered the Northern Basin Review, moved 20 MDBA jobs from Canberra to Goondiwindi and created a \$20 million community recovery fund.
- Over \$9 million funding for projects in St George and Dirranbandi for wild dog fencing, business development and infrastructure upgrades.
- \$6.2 million for tourism projects and the Queensland Sheep Production Program in Cunnamulla.
- \$39.6 million for tourism development in Longreach and Winton areas.
- \$4.18 million for construction of the Morven Freight Hub.
- Built 35 mobile phone base stations across Maranoa.
- Will deliver by year's end, NBN connectivity across Maranoa.
- Across Maranoa, as a government, we've increased funding to education by 50% per student and health by 84%.

I'm proud that I secured nearly \$7 billion for drought and flood relief for farmers and rural communities that support them and brought in new laws to protect farmers from animal activists.

Families, farmers and business owners are put under immense mental strain because of drought and I will continue to advocate for efficient and accessible mental health care - on top of the \$174 million rollout of local mental health programs.

We now have Medicare funded telehealth appointments and programs for people who want to join in and learn how to manage their mental health online.

As the Minister for Agriculture I'm also proud of the fact I decentralised 100 MDBA jobs out of Canberra with 20 of those going to Goondiwindi.

I am proud to say that I am the product of Maranoa - where I've been able to build a career, start a business, travel the world, raise a family and represent its residents as the local Member.

My responsibility as the Member is to make sure more of our next generation have the same opportunity to do that here in Maranoa.

That's why I'm committed to making sure we get our fair share in Canberra.

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