



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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David Littleproud marks start of John Dee Abattoir expansion with sod turn

Maranoa MP David Littleproud has turned the first sod at John Dee Abattoir to mark the start of construction on the Regional Cold Store facility, set to bring more than 280 new full-time jobs to our region.

“Securing \$4.8 million for this facility will help bolster employment opportunities in our region,” Mr Littleproud said.

“This month corporate giant Woolworths made the devastating announcement it would shut its Big W distribution centre here in Warwick so John Dee’s expansion project – and the jobs set to be created – will go some way to help secure employment opportunities for those families uncertain about their future in our region.

“This expansion will not only protect the 630 existing jobs, it creates 143 new full-time jobs and 138 indirect new full-time jobs.

“During the construction phase, this expansion project will also provide employment for about 80 people.

“Export opportunities from this development will come to about \$111 million.

“Making the right infrastructure investments, like the John Dee Regional Cold Store Facility, grows local economies and that’s something I proudly stand for because it ensures we get our fair share.

“What this project really boils down to is creating employment opportunities for our youth in years to come, providing incentives for people to move into our community and making sure that businesses in the Southern Downs continue to grow with cutting-edge technology.”

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