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Maranoa MP announces investment in veteran support

The Coalition Federal Government will bolster its financial commitment to veteran services with more than \$56 million for health, employment, housing and defence force history programs Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“Those who serve are brave, selfless, patriotic and always willing to lend a helping hand to make sure that our country remains free and peaceful,” Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

“This Coalition Federal Government will invest in a series of programs to make sure that we as a nation give our veterans a fair go.”

Programs include:

- \$16.2 million for Soldier On, Team Rubicon and state branches of the RSL to help veterans find meaningful jobs after their service.
- Totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI) veterans will be exempt from having to visit a GP for new referrals to treat chronic conditions through exercise physiology and physiotherapy.
- Expansion of the Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme so that veterans get competitively priced home building insurance and receive assistance for up to five years.
- Australian Veterans' Card and Lapel Pin recognition at businesses who may offer discounts or offers.
- An extra \$10 million for the Saluting Their Services grants program to help communities undertake projects to remember WWII.
- \$30 million for Veterans' Wellbeing Centres across the country to provide government assistance, health services, advocacy and wellbeing support.

“Across Maranoa there are veterans and their families who will be empowered by the services this funding provides and it's only fair because they have made huge sacrifices for our country and way of life,” Mr Littleproud said.

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