



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

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South West Indigenous Corporation secures \$450,000 Maranoa MP announces

Maranoa MP David Littleproud today secured \$450,000 for the South West Indigenous Corporation (SWIC) to build the organisation's capacity and deliver project plans at the Harmony Centre, St George.

"This funding, secured through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, will build a solid base for the Harmony Centre to operate independently in the future as a hub for enterprise, creativity, performance, history and culture," Mr Littleproud said.

"The centre will offer cultural immersion experiences to the public and traineeships in creative and performing arts."

This funding comes on top of \$500,000 for the Harmony Centre to build a recording studio and empower Indigenous people and local communities.

"I'm sure that the \$500,000, secured through the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Plan, will provide an opportunity for Indigenous people to connect with their language, culture and identity," Mr Littleproud said.

"Language plays an important role in culture and its identity.

"University professors and Elders are going to work together to create a digital and interactive curriculum that will then be disseminated to schools and Indigenous communities."

The Harmony Centre will be completed by April 2020.

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