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Aged care a top priority for a re-elected Coalition Federal Gov't

Combatting loneliness and meeting workforce demand in the aged care sector will be top priorities for a re-elected Coalition Federal Government, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said today.

The Coalition Federal Government has a goal of reaching 475,000 aged care works in Australia by 2025 to meet demand and keep our seniors safe and satisfied.

“Aged care will be the first sector to undertake a pilot program through the \$41.7 million Skills Organisations package which will target future job growth in the sector so that we meet demand and give our seniors the best care available,” Mr Littleproud said.

“A re-elected Coalition Federal Government will also invest \$34 million into a new Aged Care Workforce Research Centre to find out the best ways to deliver care, as well as training and education to aged care providers.

“The Coalition Government is committed to making sure our seniors get the best care available and have access to activities and programs that reduce social isolation and loneliness.

“We will expand the Community Visitors Scheme so that more seniors living in aged care facilities can talk with someone and also establish links with other people within their local community to combat loneliness and isolation.

“A re-elected Coalition Federal Government will invest \$10 million to develop the Seniors Connected Program which will focus on getting seniors involved with volunteer groups and mixing with a wide range of people.

“Another part of this funding would also go to organisations that engage our seniors in conversation either over the phone or in person because nobody should live their life without sharing their thoughts with someone.”

Since 2013, funding for aged care has increased by more than 50 per cent to \$21.6 billion in 2019/20.

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