



The Hon. David Littleproud MP
Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management
Deputy Leader of the Nationals
Federal Member for Maranoa

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Mr Roger Bailey
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Dear Mr Bailey

I am pleased to advise that funding of \$1 million has now been approved under the Drought Communities Programme (DCP) Extension to the Warrumbungle Shire council for the Drought Communities Employment, Infrastructure and Event Support Program project.

I am proud that in November 2019 the Australian Government boosted the DCP Extension by \$128 million, and that a further \$1 million is available to support your community during this severe drought event.

The Government is taking action to meet the needs of drought-affected farmers, small businesses and regional communities. The DCP Extension is one of many Government programs operating to support drought-affected communities. On 7 November 2019, the Government announced an additional \$709 million to deliver an immediate cash injection to help keep stock fed and watered, locals employed, businesses open, and to keep money flowing through regional economies.

This is in addition to the \$7 billion worth of assistance and concessional loans the Government has previously committed to help drought-affected farmers and regional communities dealing with the challenges of drought.

Please note that you are required to acknowledge the Government in any public announcement in relation to this funding. In addition, should the Council choose to hold an event relating to the Drought Communities Employment, Infrastructure and Event Support Program project, you are required to notify the AusIndustry Business Grants Hub, and provide an opportunity for me or a Government representative to attend. Details of these requirements will be outlined in your Grant Agreement.

I have written to the Hon Mark Coulton MP, Member for Parkes, advising of the approval for the Drought Communities Employment, Infrastructure and Event Support Program project.

I look forward to working with you on the project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DL', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP