

2019 Federal Election Maranoa Candidates Responses



Linda Little, Australian Labor Party

A FAIR GO FOR MARANOA

I live in Blackbutt on our 5 acre lifestyle block with my husband and two foster children and I am right here in the community, working hard with the Lions Club as the Zone Chairman and Secretary of the Nanango Stags Rugby League Club.

If elected my goal is to advocate for all the constituents of Maranoa and to work with the frontline services, local councils and individuals to improve the lives of all who reside within our electorate.

I will be that person who advocates to government to ensure we get our fair share of funding for schools, hospitals, infra-structure, jobs, health services, aged care services and youth services.

I want to work with you all in securing our future.

The only way to have Maranoa's voice heard in Parliament is by electing me to be part of a Shorten Labor government come May 18.



David Littleproud, Liberal National Party of Queensland

I have lived and worked in Maranoa all my life. I was raised in Chinchilla where my family have lived for more than 100 years. After school I went into banking and lived right across Maranoa in towns like Miles, Nanango, Charleville, St George, Stanthorpe and now Warwick, where I live.

Before entering Parliament I also owned a small business so I understand the challenges of running a small business in Maranoa.

I'm proud to have represented Maranoa in parliament over the last 3 years and secured a record \$4.7 billion in Federal funding.



Anthony Wallis, Katter's Australian Party

I grew up on a family farm on the western downs. I completed a degree in Rural Management at UQ Gatton. After completing my degree I worked in Dalby for six years as an agricultural business consultant. Whilst I was in Dalby, I married and started a family. An opportunity to manage the family property arose in 2004. I managed the farm until 2017 when my wife and I purchased the business. We now have four children. I completed a masters in accounting during my time managing the farm business.

I live in a small community and know the importance of keeping our young people in these communities and want to stop our small towns from shrinking.

Julie Marie Saunders, United Australia Party

Response was not received by closing date.

Darren Lee Christiansen, Fraser Anning's Conservative National Party

Response was not received by closing date.

Rosemary Moulden, Pauline Hanson's One Nation

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Emmeline Chidley, The Greens

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Questions we asked:

Question 1: The chamber strategic plan seeks to grow opportunities for granite belt businesses, if elected how can you help us grow? (30 words)

Question 2: Emu swamp dam is still the highest priority infrastructure on our strategic plan. Do you support Emu Swamp Dam? And if elected what can you and your party promise to do to advance this project? (30 words)

Question 3: Improving infrastructure for our region is a key strategic priority for the chamber, what will you do to improve infrastructure on the Granite Belt if elected? (50 words)

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Answer 1: I will collaborate with the Chamber and keep up to date with issues and opportunities within the Granite Belt region. I believe that communication and support from your elected representative is the key to any community success.

Answer 2: I have many times stated that I support the construction of Emu Swamp Dam and I will advocate your position strenuously within the government.

Answer 3: Better Rural and Regional Roads in QLD: Labor will invest \$500 million to deliver a staged upgrade of Queensland's inland road network, meaning up to 3,000 kilometres of better, safer roads and up to 300 wider, stronger bridges.

David Littleproud, Liberal National Party of Queensland

Answer 1: Simply supporting you. You don't want Canberra solutions and I want local solutions - so it's important each community is clear about their priorities of what they need. I've secured \$4.7 billion in funding for Maranoa over the last 3 years which is a basis to work from.

Answer 2: Yes. I've backed that not just with over \$4 million to do the preliminary work but our half. I've committed \$42m to build it, which no one else has.

Answer 3: I've already started through investments in the New England Highway, the completion of the nbn and mobile phone towers. Record investment of \$4.7 billion over the last 3 years is a start and a basis to build from.

Anthony Wallis, Katter's Australian Party

Answer 1: My three main campaign issues are water infrastructure, electricity prices and zonal taxation. By building water infrastructure and by bringing down energy prices that will help businesses in the region to grow.

Answer 2: One of my key campaign issues has been water infrastructure. I fully support this dam and others that are sitting on the shelf. I will do whatever necessary to push this forward.

Answer 3: Financial assistance grants are one way our regional councils receive funding from the federal government. A large proportion of this funding is used to maintain the road networks in our shires. I will push the government to return it to the 1% that it should be. Time to stop the government from short changing our regions.

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