



# DAMIAN DRUM MP COMMUNITY SURVEY

Your views are important to me...

## The issues

Please number the four issues that concern you most.

- Building a stronger economy
- Tackling crime in our community
- Securing Australia's borders
- Reducing cost of living pressures
- Creating local jobs
- Improving health care
- Support for local education
- Improving and building new roads
- Supporting small business
- Protecting our local environment

## In Parliament

If you could raise one issue in the Federal Parliament, what would it be?

## Our Community

If you could fix one problem in our local area, what would it be?

## About politics

Please select one of the following options: (optional)

- I ALWAYS support the following party
- National     Liberal     Labor
  - Greens     Independent/Other

OR I USUALLY support the following party

- National     Liberal     Labor
- Greens     Independent/Other

OR  I don't support any political party

## Your details

Please complete the following details so that I can stay in touch and keep you informed.

Title

Name

Address

Home ph

Mobile ph

Email

How do you prefer to be contacted?  Mail  SMS  Email

## Your work

Please select the option which best reflects your current situation:

- Full-time     Part-time     Self-employed
- At home parent     Unemployed     Student
- Age pensioner     Disability pensioner     Self-funded retiree

Your Occupation

Thank you for completing this survey.

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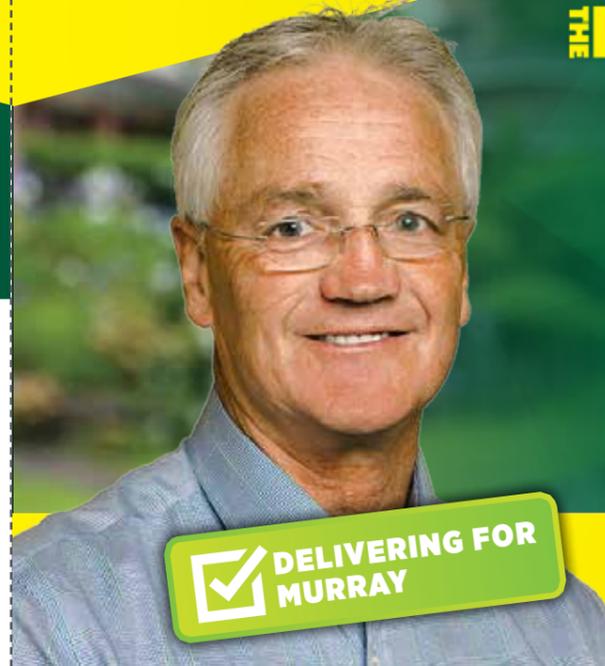
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Community Newsletter



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## Have your say on jobs in Murray

I would like to encourage the Murray community to add their voice to a push to bring more Federal Government departments to regional areas.

A Senate Inquiry is set to be held into decentralisation, bringing a crucial opportunity for the people of Murray to stand up and be heard on bringing well-paid, skilled jobs and people to our electorate.

I encourage individuals, local governments, business groups and community associations to check my website for updates on the inquiry.

We deserve the benefits of public sector employment just as much as any capital city.

Photo credit: Madeline Leijen

## A message from Damian

Welcome to my first newsletter as the Member for Murray. I'm proud to be the voice of the people of my electorate in Canberra when the Federal Parliament is sitting.

I'm committed to working with my federal colleagues to deliver a range of projects and programs in Murray.

The start of work on the Echuca Moama Bridge will be eagerly followed as will progress on the building of the new Shepparton Art Museum, after funding was made available last year.

Representing the people of Murray has its challenges, when the dairy industry is battling low prices on world markets. Gas and electricity prices are also increasing at an alarming rate.

I promise to continue to stand up for local issues to ensure we get our fair share. As your federal member, I will always put your issues first. Please get in touch with my office if I can assist you.

**Damian Drum MP**  
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## More support for struggling farmers

Farmers who are going through difficult times in the Murray electorate are set to benefit from improvements to the Farm Household Allowance (FHA).

The FHA scheme will no longer treat water as a non-farm asset. Instead, water will be treated as a necessity to run your farm, similar to farming machinery. The changes are a result of the Dairy Roundtables conducted in regional Australia, including Congupna.



#Improud

## Designs for new SAM

A panel is deliberating over the five unique designs for the new Shepparton Art Museum. The Coalition Government is contributing \$10 million to the new SAM.

The architectural competition gives architects the opportunity to design a unique public building in a regional area. The winner will be announced in late April.



## \$1.7 million for two schools

I recently announced two schools in the Murray electorate will receive \$1.7 million in funding from the Coalition Government for the construction of specialised learning areas.

\$1 million has been secured for Sacred Heart Primary School in Yarrawonga, while \$700,000 has been pledged for St Mary of the Angels Secondary College in Nathalia.



## Continued funding for McGrath breast care nurses

The Coalition Government has secured on-going funding for the two McGrath Breast Care Nurses at GV Health. McGrath Breast Care Nurse Michelle Parish is based in Shepparton, while McGrath Breast Care Nurse Kerry Patford is based in Benalla.



## Energy costs the focus in Murray

The Minister for Resources, Senator Matt Canavan, recently visited the Murray electorate to discuss the impacts of rising gas prices with our larger employers.



## Aus Day recipients acknowledged in speech



I was pleased to acknowledge local Australia Day Honours recipients in a speech to Parliament House. I recognised the important work done by the late Chris McPherson AM and John Dainton AM. Chris McPherson had an amazing career in the print industry, as a member of the McPherson Media family.

I told Parliament that Chris will be best remembered for his love of family and his work with the Biggest Blokes Lunch, raising money for prostate cancer research.

## Progress on Echuca-Moama Bridge



The Echuca Moama Bridge is finally being built, with the Federal Government signing over \$97m in funding to the Victorian Government for the project.

The project site office for the construction work opened last month. Early works along Warren Street in Echuca are expected to start in the coming months, with the entire project to be completed in late 2020. I have witnessed firsthand how fiercely Noel Maughan, Paul Weller and Peter Walsh fought for funding at a state level.

## South West Pipeline



Construction on the first stage of the South West Loddon Rural Water Supply Project is underway. The Coalition Government has secured \$20 million for the project.

The pipeline will provide a secure water supply to about 260 farm businesses and 370 lifestyle properties. These areas currently rely on local rainfall and catchment dams.

## Amelia Morris visits Canberra



Euroa Secondary College Year 12 student Amelia Morris visited Parliament House in Canberra recently.

Amelia is studying Global Politics and Australian Politics.

It was great to be able to show Amelia around Parliament after Question Time.