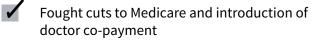
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

General & mental health

Many rural towns are still far behind our cities in terms of life-saving health and mental health services. I am committed to getting a better deal for health in Indi.



Worked with local health providers – Alpine, Wangaratta, Towong, Indigo Health - to get increased funding

Put rural mental health and indigenous mental health on national agenda



Regional living

I am proud to be your local Member of Parliament standing up for Indi – not party politics – in Canberra. Communities across Indi are in a stronger place because of the growing level of engagement.

Created Indi Community Summit Report more than 2000 people surveyed, reported to Parliament

Completed two Budget Impact Tours – more than 1000 people surveyed on impact of Federal Budget to communities, reported to Parliament

Hosted Kitchen Table Conversations – more than 600 people involved

Charter of Budget Honesty Amendments - Private Members Bill

Result: Indi is a more caring, prosperous place, alive with opportunities for everyone.

DELIVERED

Funding continues to flow!

\$350 million: Australian Defence Industries Thales (Benalla/Mulwala)

\$21 million: Financial Assistance Grants

\$17 million: National Stronger Regions Fund

\$10 million: Wodonga City Heart

\$2.6 million: Destination Tallangatta Project

\$1.87 million: Alpine Events Centre **\$715,253:** Benalla airport upgrade

\$363,000: Yea saleyards stage 2 upgrade

\$6.64 million: Mobile Black Spot Programme

\$5 million: Albury-Wodonga Health cardiac catheterisation laboratory (Indi/Farrer)

\$3.269 million: Education centres, Wangaratta

& Wodonga

\$2.45 million: 14 Green Army projects

\$1.84 million: Indigo Roads

\$1.7 million: Thomas Mitchell Drive upgrade, Wodonga

\$1 million: Bridges Renewal

\$405,000: Bonegilla Boardwalk and Bike Track

\$200,000: 20 Million Trees

\$150,000: Stronger Communities - Local

Government Projects

\$125,000: Local ANZAC Centenary Grants

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COMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications

Mobile phone coverage

Mobile phone coverage and internet is improving across Indi.



199 mobile phone black spots eliminated



Third highest allocation of mobile phone towers in Australia, Round One Mobile **Black Spot Programme**



\$6.64 million Federal Government funding

Internet

NBN is being rolled out across Indi.



72,000 premises to be connected



Fixed line rollout coming to Wodonga, Wangaratta, Benalla



Fixed wireless coming to more than 35 towns



NBN satellite coverage for rural areas

Regional media

People in Indi and across regional Australia rely on strong local TV content for information relevant to their communities. I am proud to support the protection of local news, sport and events.



Standing up for the ABC



Standing up for local media content production



Indi hosted first Friends of the ABC Community Forum



Supported media laws reform

EDUCATION & AGRICULTURE

Education

Young people in Indi need access to education, in our regional centres or cities.



Higher education deregulation stopped



Organised first Regional Higher Education Forum



Youth allowance - greater support for rural families



Agriculture

A prosperous and vibrant agriculture and food sector is essential to the future of Indi. I have provided farmers with direct access to Government to have their voices heard.



Ag white paper - project funding



Hosted House of Reps Ag Inquiry in Indi



Supported increase to agricultural research and development funding



Agricultural education increasing at Wangaratta CSU



Strong working relationship with CSIRO



Backpacker tax review



JOBS & TRANSPORT

Jobs protected

Standing up for local jobs across Indi has been a priority. I am proud to have helped provide a secure future for families, particularly those in manufacturing.



\$350 million for Albury/Wodonga defence facilities



\$3.5 million Government-guaranteed entitlements paid to 59 former Australian Textile Mills (Bruck) workers



\$350 million 5-year contract share for ADI Benalla

Transport

Our communities have been plagued by a broken rail system for too long. It has been my priority to improve the V/Line service and ensure a reliable train for Indi.



More trains now running on schedule



Australian Rail Track Corporation commitment to fix track by March 2016



Regional Network Development Plan



Lobbied for Inland Freight Rail route through Indi



Lobbied for National Student Concession Card



Continued support for **High Speed Rail**



