

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.

- ✓ Fought cuts to Medicare and introduction of doctor co-payment
- ✓ 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

