



Campaign Media Release

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Candidate for Maranoa Nick Cedric-Thompson

LABOR FUNDS NEW KINGAROY-MURGON RAIL TRAIL

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Joel Fitzgibbon today announced the Rudd Labor Government will commit \$546,234 under the Regional Development Australia Fund Round Five to the South Burnett Regional Council to transform the closed Kingaroy to Murgon rail line into a trail for locals and tourists to enjoy.

“The community will be thrilled to hear that the South Burnett Regional Council has identified the redevelopment of the closed Kingaroy to Murgon rail line as a priority project,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

“Locals have been campaigning for the trail project for some time so this is real win for the community.

“Federal Labor is serious about investing in regional and local communities and this project will be boost for the region,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

Labor candidate for Maranoa Nick Cedric-Thompson welcomed the funding and said it would support jobs.

“The recreational trail will be used for walking, cycling and horse riding and it will be a drawcard for tourism.

“I am pleased that sections of the trail passing through the town will complement the streetscapes and the design will incorporate power, water supply and fibre cables to facilitate community events and activities.”

Funding for the project is already in the Budget and will be allocated from the Federal Government’s Regional Development Australia Fund Round Five. Under this round, grants were allocated to every council in Australia, giving each the opportunity to make their community’s voice heard by submitting priority local projects.

“These projects come on top of the Rudd Labor Government’s record investment in regional Australia, including the National Broadband Network and the Roads to Recovery program – all of which are helping to secure the future of regional communities,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

The Government will work with local councils to ensure projects identified by local communities meet value-for-money assessments and program guidelines.

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