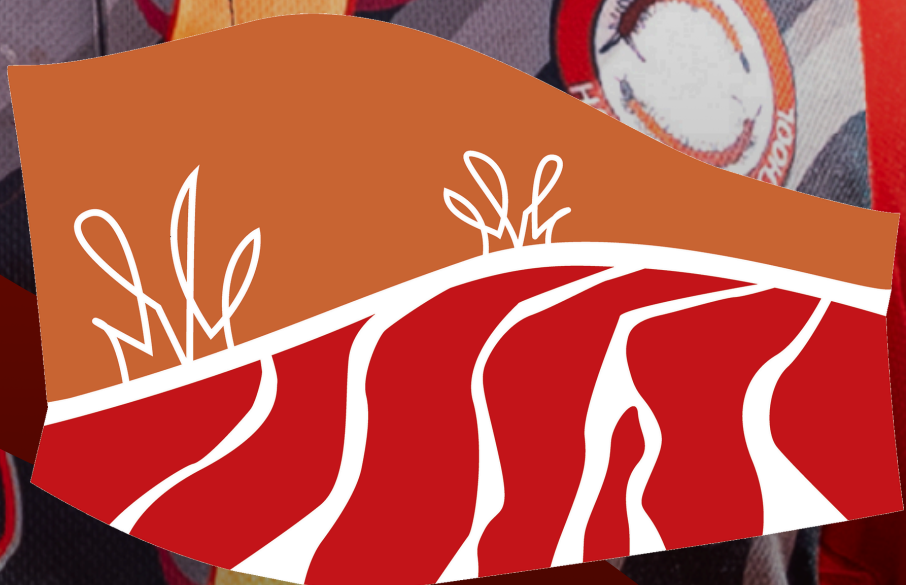


Federal Election Advocacy Statement



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Investing in Our Future: Stronger Communities, Better Infrastructure, Sustainable Local Government

MacDonnell Regional Council serves 13 remote communities across Central Australia delivering essential services, infrastructure and community services to some of the most isolated regions in the country. With the support of the Local Authorities we have shovel-ready projects that will improve the livability, safety, and economic sustainability of our region.

As we approach the federal election, we seek commitments from all parties for these key priorities:

1. Strengthening Local Government: Long-Term Stability and Community Voice

2. Infrastructure Investment: Shovel-Ready Community Projects

3. Road Upgrades: Safe and Reliable Transport Networks

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1. Strengthening Local Government: Long-Term Stability and Community Voice

Strong local government is essential for delivering services and representing communities. We seek a clear commitment that:

- Regional Councils are recognised and supported in their expertise in servicing remote Australia and significant changes to this model will be detrimental to communities, particularly in the Northern Territory.
- Community engagement and input are paramount in guiding decisions that impact communities. This ensures place-based decision making for the benefit of all residents.
- Any proposed changes to local government structures will be fully consulted with councils, communities, stakeholders and external audits.

We require long-term investment in:

- Roads, to improve essential services.
- Fair and sustainable local government funding through Financial Assistance Grants.
- Service delivery in remote areas, including youth programs, aged care, and childcare.
- Employment & workforce programs that support local jobs and training.
- Community safety and wellbeing initiatives, such as crime prevention, domestic violence response, and social programs.
- Cultural and Indigenous programs, including cultural immersion, language learning, and economic development initiatives.

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2. Infrastructure Investment: Shovel-Ready Community Projects

MacDonnell Regional Council has fully scoped and costed community infrastructure projects that have been developed through extensive consultation. These projects will:

- Improve local facilities, services, and economic opportunities.
- Create jobs and long-term employment pathways for local people.
- Strengthen community resilience and livability.

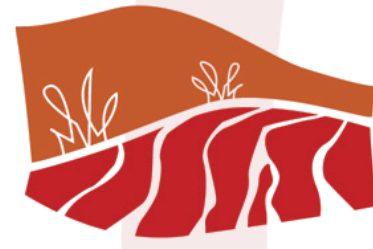
MRC seeks a federal funding commitment to deliver these projects, ensuring our communities have the same level of infrastructure to other remote towns and communities across Australia.

3. Road Upgrades: Safe and Reliable Transport Networks

MacDonnell Regional Council has detailed plans and costings to upgrade essential transport and community infrastructure in all communities to bring our communities in line with national standards, including:

- Roads, footpaths, drainage, and concrete driveways to improve accessibility and reduce hazards.
- Better connectivity to support emergency services, freight, and local businesses.
- Reduced long-term maintenance costs with improved quality infrastructure.

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Why This Matters

MacDonnell Regional Council is committed to building a strong, self-determined future for our communities. We need fair funding, long-term investment, and government policies that empower local decision-making.

We invite federal ministers, candidates, and party leaders to meet with us and discuss how they will support our region.

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