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Dear Mr Faulkner

Thank you for your letter of 6 September 2019 regarding Lithgow City Council's Drought Communities Programme (DCP) Extension funding.

I am pleased to hear that work is underway on Lithgow City Council's Drought Communities Programme project, and that this funding will deliver a range of infrastructure improvements, amenity upgrades and community events focused on drought preparedness and resilience for the residents of the Lithgow local government area.

I appreciate there is a short project delivery timeframe, however the purpose of the DCP Extension is to ensure Australian Government funding facilitates immediate economic stimulus in communities facing hardship and supports projects that provide local employment and keep money flowing through local shops and suppliers.

I encourage you to contact the AusIndustry Business Grants Hub (Grants Hub), the agency administering the DCP Extension, to discuss your concerns about completing the project by the end of the year, and the possibility of receiving an extension. The Grants Hub can be contacted by telephone on 13 28 46.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP