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THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO DELIVER TO THE HARD WORKING PEOPLE OF THE WIMMERA, MALLEE AND MILDURA REGION

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad has reinforced the strong future of the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura region in Parliament this week, highlighting key commitments from the Government that continue to support regional Australians living in the electorate of Mallee, and the key contributions from those people who live there.

With a recent drop in unemployment in the Mallee, the rate is now at the lowest it has been since 2013, sitting at 4.4 percent, compared with a national rate of 5.7 per cent. Mr Broad said the low rate is great news, and it's a credit to the hard working people of the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura region.

“Recently Mildura was in the media for all the wrong reasons - having a high level of people who are avoiding their obligations when it comes to unemployment benefits. What I want to say is that was only 300 people out of 55,000,” he said.

“We contribute 5.3 billion to the Australian economy, there are a lot of Australians in my patch who get up and go to work and are contributing to Australia.”

“Our towns are towns where you want to live, you want to visit, not towns full of bludgers, towns full of very hard workers.”

“There are great things happening in our neck of the woods, with hard working everyday Australians doing their part for the community,” he said.

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Recent commitment from The Australian Government has delivered for those hard workers with the extension of the instant tax write offs. Now businesses with an annual turnover of up to 10 million dollars are able to claim money back instantly, with over 17,000 local businesses getting more cash back into their pockets.

“Any dollar that stays within our community, is a dollar that can go back into the community and go toward increasing job opportunities for locals,” Mr Broad said.

Free Trade Agreements in Japan, China and Korea are also unlocking significant opportunities for small businesses in the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura region, allowing greater access to markets.

“The government’s commitment to supporting regional Australia, our people and our businesses, is helping shape a great future for the people of the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions,” Mr Broad said.

“Things are happening for us and it’s exciting, we’re getting the government support we need and we are steering toward a very prosperous future right across the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura region.”

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