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The Honourable Scott Morrison MP

Former Prime Minister and Member for Cook, Hon. Scott Morrison MP, will leave Australia's Federal Parliament at the end February 2024.

As Prime Minister, Mr Morrison led Australia through the COVID pandemic – the most significant health and economic crisis in 100 years. Other nations faced collapsing health systems, mass deaths and economic hardship, but under the national leadership of Mr Morrison, our country remained stable and secure.



In my view, the North-West, West Coast and King Island has never had a Prime Minister so actively invested in the development of our region.

Mr Morrison and I worked together in the lead-up to, and following the 2019 federal election, identifying strategically important investments that would set our region up for generations to come.

Every commitment made by the Morrison Government to the North-West, West Coast and King Island was delivered as promised. But it didn't stop there. Over Mr Morrison's term, a further 700 projects were funded, equally shared across our eight local government areas. Across the lifetime of these projects, over \$1 billion will be injected into local economies. This represented the second highest investment into any electorate in the nation and this could not have happened without Mr Morrison's steadfast commitment to our region.

I wish to thank Hon. Scott Morrison for his service to our nation, for his dedication to the Australian people, to our region and for his personal friendship.

My best wishes to him, his wife Jenny, and their daughters Abigail and Lily.

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