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United Communities win continuation of Inverell/Glen Innes air service - Windsor

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor praised the efforts of the Inverell and Glen Innes and Severn Shire Council leaders in achieving a positive result for their respective communities' air services.

At a meeting with the Federal Minister for Transport and Regional Services, John Anderson, the Mayors and General Managers of the three Councils and the Member for New England, Tony Windsor, Mr Anderson gave assurances that air services will be maintained to Inverell and Glen Innes with the exact nature to be worked out with the community in the near future.

Mr Windsor thanked Mr Anderson for his attention to these two communities and said it augered well for like communities in other parts of country Australia.

He is particularly pleased though with this initial breakthrough for Inverell and Glen Innes.

"I congratulate the Mayors and Councils of Inverell, Severn Shire and Glen Innes who have remained focussed on maintaining their air services.

It is an essential service for their communities both for outgoing transport and just as importantly, for incoming professional, business and medical people who would not otherwise be able to provide a quality service to these communities," Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor is thankful for the commitment given by the Minister to maintain the air service indefinitely into both Inverell and Glen Innes and is pleased that the two communities will have the opportunity to have input into the exact nature of the service.

"The ability for the people of Glen Innes and Inverell to have input into the future service is essential to guarantee its long term success.

Things like frequency of service, timing of the service and its affordability must be addressed to ensure the success of the route.

Without these points being adequately addressed, the route will continue to have load number problems.

I'm sure that the Mayors and community members will work constructively with all concerned to achieve a long term successful service for their communities," Mr Windsor said.

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