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Positive major projects nearing decision time - Windsor

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor is hopeful of positive outcomes on a number of major projects within the electorate over the next few weeks.

The National Livestock and Equine Centre proposal for Tamworth is nearing final consideration by the Government with the recent visit to Tamworth by Professor John Chudleigh.

“Professor Chudleigh is in the process now of reporting back to the Government as to the feasibility and desirability of this nationally significant project.

Having met with him during his visit, I was impressed with his knowledge of the project.

I am confident that Professor Chudleigh will give a positive report to the appropriate funding bodies,” Mr Windsor said.

The New England Regional Indoor Sporting Complex proposed for Armidale is also receiving positive attention from the Regional Solutions Program co-ordinators and is nearing decision time.

“The New England Regional Indoor Sporting Complex has already been allocated \$700,000 by the NSW Government and has excellent Local Government and community support and will provide the region with a large all weather indoor gymnasium/multi purpose sporting facility located at the Armidale High School and available for use by the broader regional community,” Mr Windsor said.

The Glen Innes Open Learning Centre recently received \$200,000 from the Commonwealth Government, via the University of New England, towards the completion of the centre.

“I am hopeful that on reconsideration of the 2001 Business Plan and with the participation of the various academic, government and community groups, that Glen Innes will achieve its goal.

I would particularly recognise and thank Professor Ingrid Moses for her role in committing these funds to the project as part of the University of New England’s 2003 and 2004 funds from the Federal Government’s Capital Development Fund to establish ten regional access centres in communities with a TAFE but not a University presence,” Mr Windsor said.

“All these projects will enhance the lives of people in the region and I trust that the Federal Government will see their value and fund them appropriately,” Mr Windsor said.

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