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Windsor welcomes funding for CTC's in Tenterfield and Uralla

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the funding announcement for Community Technology Centres for Tenterfield and Uralla as part of the latest round of the Networking the Nation program.

Tenterfield will receive \$160,000 to provide services to Drake and Jennings as well as Tenterfield whilst Uralla will receive \$150,000 to deliver services to its community.

"I am very pleased to see that two of the nine centres to receive assistance are in the New England electorate. I recognise and thank the Federal Government for responding to the needs of smaller communities particularly in areas where telecommunications services are not good and where costs to set up and maintain Community Technology Centres have been prohibitive," Mr Windsor said.

Community Transaction Centres (CTCs) are being established to provide an increasing range of services identified by local businesses and residents and include online business advice, web development and hosting and will provide Internet access, training and a range of other business services to their local communities.

The establishment of the CTCs has required a high level of co-operation between community and business groups.

CTC funding targets towns of 3,000 people or less.

"I congratulate the communities of Tenterfield and through them Drake and Jennings and the community of Uralla on their success in gaining funding for their projects as they continue to work hard towards a better future for their respective communities," Mr Windsor said.