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Former Farrer Capt selected for National Youth Roundtable

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has congratulated the 2002 Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School Captain, Adam Marshall on his selection to be part of the National Youth Roundtable under the auspice of the Federal Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, the Hon Larry Anthony.

The National Youth Roundtable was established in 1999 to give Australians aged from 15 to 24 years the chance to speak up and be a part of the policy making process.

From Gunnedah, Adam is one of 50 young people chosen to be part of the program from over 780 applications from across Australia.

Adam completed his HSC at Farrer last year and set a fine example for his fellow students as Captain of the school taking a keen interest in health issues for young people in rural areas with a particular focus on mental health issues facing farming youth.

He was National Runner Up in the Lions Youth of the Year as well as winning the Rotary Public Speaking Competition.

His involvement in community activities has also included being a member of the Gunnedah Shire Council Youth Council and the Gunnedah PCYC Youth Committee.

Adam was also a member of the NSW Premier's Youth Advisory Council in 2001.

In congratulating Adam on his being selected for the National Youth Roundtable, Mr Windsor said, "I have had the pleasure of knowing Adam for a few years now and whilst State Member for Tamworth, Adam spent 2 weeks on work experience in my office in the NSW Parliament.

He displayed a great attitude to life and a great passion in particular for country life and wanting to contribute to making life better for young people in country Australia.

With Adam on the Youth Roundtable, I'm sure that he will be able to very well communicate the needs of young people in country Australia with enthusiasm and logical argument.

I wish Adam and his fellow Youth Roundtable participants every success for the year and look forward to seeing him in Canberra."

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