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CALL FOR FOCUS ON TINGHA MPS ISSUE

Member for New England Tony Windsor urged the people of the Tingha community to stay focused on a positive outcome for their proposed Multi Purpose Service (MPS).

During the past week there has been conjecture as to the future of the Tingha Health Service and the possible development of an MPS at Tingha.

Mr Windsor said that although the initial reply from the State and Commonwealth departments had not been favourable, this was by no means the end of the issue.

Mr Windsor also indicated that the Federal Minister for Ageing, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP had not closed the door on the issue.

Mr Windsor indicated that he had held talks over the weekend with the Member for Northern Tablelands, Richard Torbay, and some Tingha residents and would be putting together a strategy to progress the issue.

Part of that strategy would be to get a clear indication from the NSW Minister for Health, the Hon Morris Iemma, as to the preparedness of the State Government to fund the capital required for an MPS as they have done for Bingara, Walcha, Warialda, Emmaville, Guyra and Boggabri.

“If the NSW Government is still prepared to make the capital funds available, I believe we have an excellent case to put to the Commonwealth to obtain aged care beds” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said he would also be speaking with the New England Area Health Service and aged care providers in the area to examine the proposal.

He also indicated that Aged Care was a topic to be discussed at the October 25th Vision New England Summit.

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