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WINDSOR WELCOMES RETURN OF INVERELL – SYDNEY AIR SERVICE

Independent Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor, has welcomed the return of a regular air service between Inverell and Sydney, via Gunnedah, with the new passenger service operated by Transair scheduled to commence next month.

Mr Windsor congratulated the service's proponent, Mr Phil Gerathy, Managing Director of Austplan Pty Ltd, which has backed the service, and particularly the Inverell Council for their hard work and commitment towards re-establishing passenger air services to Sydney.

"It is great to see many months of hard work by all involved with this important issue come to fruition and I would urge the people of Inverell and Gunnedah to use the service at every opportunity," Mr Windsor said.

He said the tenacity of the Inverell community and the Council was a major factor in the new service being established.

"Inverell was not prepared to just sit back and accept the removal of the Qantaslink service," Mr Windsor said.

"The community got on the front foot, engaged with a forward thinking businessman in Phil Gerathy, and put together a plan to go against the tide and produce an air service for the local region," Mr Windsor said.

"Mayor of Inverell, Cr Barry Johnson, the Councillors and Senior Staff deserve congratulations, as does Phil Gerathy, for giving the communities of Inverell and Gunnedah the opportunity to access a scheduled air service Sydney.

"Lets support those who want to support us," Mr Windsor concluded.

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