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Vision New England Summit

The Independent Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor, is looking forward to this Saturday's Vision New England Summit.

Mr Windsor said, "The Vision New England Summit will be held at the Armidale Ex-Services Club, starting at 9.00am and will provide an opportunity for a wide range of community groups to discuss a number of issues in detail."

"The format is based on the very successful Country Summits held in 1996 at Tamworth and 1998 in Wagga and the chair of both Country Summits, former Shires Association President, Mr John Wearne, will be the chair of this Saturday's Vision New England Summit."

"The process will help to bring together the diverse viewpoints of these groups and unite them in the political and agency process. The policy areas represented range from community service issues through to mental health, general health, university education reforms, public liability, OHS/workcover and Roads to Recovery funding to name a few."

"Saturday is the starting point for the progression of these issues. There are 23 agenda items from a range of areas such as new regional education programs, community services that are understanding of regional needs, comment on proposed charity legislation as well as a range of regional infrastructure issues."

"Vision New England is an opportunity to inform and guide community and political leaders as to the society that we want to live. There will be over 50 different organisations present as well as individuals who are interested in the process," Mr Windsor said.

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