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Federal Submission To Follow Successful State Equine Meeting

The Independent Member for New England, Mr Tony Windsor, was delighted with the strong unity displayed by the local Government, State, Industry and community representatives at yesterday's meeting with Premier Carr over the proposed National Equine and Livestock Centre for Tamworth.

Mr Windsor said, "After the successful meeting with Premier Bob Carr regarding unified funding for the development of a greenfields site for a new equine and livestock centre for Tamworth an application will now be made to the Federal Government for Regional Partnership funding for the proposal."

Mr Windsor who has chaired the industry-working group that prepared the document put to Premier Carr yesterday said, "He was delighted with the Premier's response to yesterday's delegation and hailed it as a major step forward for the Industry and Tamworth."

The group who met with the Premier consisted of Peter Draper, State Member for Tamworth, Tamworth Mayor, James Treloar, Tony Windsor, Federal Member for New England, Country Labour MLC, Christine Robertson, Councillor Ray Tait of Tamworth City Council and CEO's from the NCHA, AQHA and the ABCRA, Gail Ritchie, Hunter Jones and Rosemary Harmer.

Mr Windsor said, "The unified approach and the commitment by the Industry itself to partially fund the centre was the key to the successful meeting."

"The working group will now prepare plans to present to the relevant commonwealth agencies and to industry and local business groups to finalise the funding process," Mr Windsor concluded.

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