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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Windsor Supports Youth Insearch - It Gets Results**

The Independent Member for New England, Mr Tony Windsor, is seeking to raise the New England community's awareness of the work of Youth Insearch following a meeting with the organisation's founder and Chief Executive, Mr Ron Barr, and Youth Insearch staff member, Mr Paul Simpson in Parliament today.

Mr Windsor said, "I have had the pleasure of supporting Youth Insearch over many years, this is an organisation that has consistently maintained its focus on providing pathways that lead youth away from potentially self destructive lifestyles. Youth Insearch is an excellent organisation."

"Youth Insearch is currently seeking Commonwealth funding to provide eight part time liaison officers operating in regional NSW, QLD and Tasmania to integrate with existing agencies to aid referral of youth into the Youth Insearch program."

"We are all aware that for many young people guidance from responsible and loving adults is not always available and the outcomes from this lack of guidance are increasingly apparent in our society."

"Youth Insearch provides solutions to this growing problem through local support networks coupled with intensive two day workshops at the Kurrajong Heights youth camp and Keepit Dam camp that are aimed at confronting and seeking change to negative lifestyles."

"In the meeting with Ron Barr today, he informed me that 16 young people from the Tamworth area attended the Kurrajong Heights youth camp last weekend and that they had impressed him as well behaved and receptive young people."

"Ron also mentioned the vital support network offered in the Tamworth area by our Rotary clubs and particularly the work of Mr Mal McPherson and Mrs Evelyn Parkinson for their energy and commitment to young people."

"I offer my personal congratulations to our local Rotary clubs and particularly to Mr Mal McPherson and Mrs Evelyn Parkinson. These examples of personal commitment and care for youth are at the core of changing the lives of those who have often lacked strong examples of responsibility and care."

"Youth Insearch is a program that has had phenomenal results in terms of a helping young people at critical stages of their development. I would rate Youth Insearch as amongst the most impressive diversionary programs available to youth."

"I have spoken with the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, the Hon Larry Anthony, MP and added my support to the funding request by Youth Insearch to the Stronger Families and Communities program," Mr Windsor concluded.

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