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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Windsor welcomes Maths & Science Centre for UNE**

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the announcement by the Federal Government to establish the National Centre for Mathematics, Information Technology and Science Teaching at the University of New England in Armidale at a cost \$4.95million over 3 years.

“The announcement of the National Centre for Mathematics, Information Technology and Science teaching is great news for the University of New England and those behind the push for its establishment.

“I am very pleased that the Federal Government has responded to the lobbying by the University staff and the broader community to help address the needs of isolated teachers in rural areas of Australia.

“I particularly congratulate Professor Victor Minichiello, the Dean of the Education Health and Professional Studies, Professor Peter Flood, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Debra Panizzon, the Senior Science Education Lecturer for their efforts in bringing about this very valuable addition to the UNE,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor was also happy to see a step forward on another resolution made at the Vision New England Summit in October last year.

“The proposal for the Centre gained broad community support at the Vision New England Summit last year.

“It was unanimously supported by the 67 community groups represented at the Summit which has further enhanced the understanding of the need for the Centre and I’m sure has gone a long way to reinforcing the University of New England’s case it was able to put to the Government,” Mr Windsor said.

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