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Equine Centre groups rewarded for remaining focussed on end result

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has today congratulated all groups involved in developing the National Equine & Livestock Centre in Tamworth for remaining focussed on the final outcome.

“Everyone involved in the industry has wanted to see the National Equine & Livestock Centre project come to fruition.

The announcement today by the Deputy Prime Minister, John Anderson that the Federal Government will contribute \$6 million to the National Equine & Livestock Centre is a very welcome result which recognises the value of the current equine and livestock industry to the region and also importantly recognises the potential for growth that it has with a facility like the one to be built.

I thank the Federal Government for the announcement of their contribution and particularly praise the efforts of the New England North West Area Consultative Committee in working with the Board, user groups and Council to formulate the final submission.

I also thank the NSW State Government and Premier Bob Carr for their untied \$3.35 million grant given early in the piece, the former Tamworth City Council and now Tamworth Regional Council, the Australian Quarter Horse Association, National Cutting Horse Association, Australian Bushman’s Campdraft Rodeo Association, Tamworth P & A Association and private business and community for both their financial and moral support,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor praised the groups for their united approach to the project.

“Without the united approach of the user groups, there would not have been the capacity to call the facility ‘The National Equine and Livestock Centre’.

It is truly ‘National’ when the major National industry groups call it ‘Home’,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor also congratulated the National Equine & Livestock Centre Board and particularly Greg McGuire for his tireless efforts as Chairman and former Steering Committee Chairman Peter Botfield as well as all the people who over the years who have campaigned for a modern Equine Centre and those in the Tamworth P& A Association who initiated the process many years ago and created the business for Tamworth.

It’s a great result for Tamworth and the region.

Projects like these are never easy however, given the desire of all concerned to develop a facility, we got there by working together,” Mr Windsor said.

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