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### **Business and community support for Gas Pipeline now needed to ensure success**

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor is asking business and community members to sign up to use natural gas so that the natural gas pipeline from Dubbo to Tamworth will proceed quickly to construction.

“With all the hurdles and burning hoops now jumped over and through, everything is set for the construction of the natural gas pipeline from Dubbo to Tamworth to commence.

The only thing now needed is for business and people from communities along the route to commit to using the gas when it gets here.

We have enough businesses and other domestic users to support the project and now we have the pipeline through the planning and approval process, I am asking people to have the confidence in the project to commit to using the gas if they possibly can,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor paid tribute to the hard work and perseverance of all those associated with the project.

“The Natural Gas Pipeline was only a pipe dream about 8 years ago when the then CEO of the Tamworth Development Corporation, Peter Pulley organised the inaugural meeting of the future beneficiary communities and Councils in Coolah.

I congratulate the Councils from Mudgee, Coonabarabran, Gilgandra, Coolah, Gunnedah, Quirindi, Parry and Tamworth City (some of which are now merged) met with associated development organisations and representatives from AGL to discuss the possibility and benefits of having natural gas piped to and through the various towns with all then uniting behind the project and forming the Central Ranges Natural Gas Pipeline Association to promote the concept.

The process to get the pipeline started has been arduous to say the least but as is often said, nothing worth having is ever easy.

I would like to particularly recognise the efforts of Margaret Thomas from the Mudgee Business Enterprise Centre, David Adam (who started with AGL and is now a private consultant to the project) and Peter Pulley who chaired the working group getting it through the toughest times to the stage where virtually everything was in place and was not going to fall over – and there were stressful times when it did look like falling over for one reason or another.

The focus of these people and the Councils along the route has made sure that this valuable piece of infrastructure will be built and will be a great legacy of their vision and efforts,” Mr Windsor said.

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