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### Good hearing from Inland Rail Study Consultants

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor was joined by Richard Rowe, the Chair of the Glen Innes Severn Transport Committee and one of the authors of the New England Local Government Group's submission to the North South Rail Corridor Study for a meeting in Canberra yesterday afternoon with Ernst Young consultants and a Department of Transport and Regional Services (DoTARS) representative.

Mr Windsor was pleased with the hearing they received.

"The meeting was a good opportunity to discuss the merits of the New England route option for the Inland Rail project face to face with representatives of Ernst Young and the Department of Transport and Regional Services.

They listened to the NELG proposal and took on board our comments.

It was a good hearing from the Consultants who have to report back to the Minister by the end of June," Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor thanked Mr Rowe for his efforts not only in the preparation of the submission but also for his being able to attend the meeting with the Consultants.

"Richard Rowe, his Glen Innes Severn Transport Committee and the New England Local Government Group have made a strong well researched and logical proposal on behalf of the people of the New England and I thank them for their commitment to the task.

If the New England (Northern) line is eventually chosen as the preferred route, it will be in no small way as a result of the effort and dedication of this team.

They have certainly done their homework and given the Consultants the best view of the benefits the New England route can provide to the National Rail network both between Melbourne and Brisbane and Sydney and Brisbane in the short and the long term.

I particularly thank Mr Rowe for taking the time to come to Canberra to meet with the Consultants," Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor also thanked the Ernst Young and DoTARS representatives.

"I also thank Ernst Young and the Department of Transport & Regional Services representatives for agreeing to meet with Mr Rowe and myself.

They assured us that the New England route is being seriously considered in the study and I thank them for the opportunity of being able to state the case for the New England route face to face," Mr Windsor said.

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