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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Challenge Tamworth gets funds for new equine laundry service**

Independent Member for New England has welcomed the announcement of \$231,000 in funding to help Challenge Tamworth establish a specialised equine laundry service.

Minister for Transport and Regional Services Warren Truss has informed Mr Windsor of the success of the application to the Regional Partnerships Program.

“Congratulations to Challenge Tamworth on the success of their application.

The new equine laundry service is a sign of things to come with the National Equine Centre soon to start construction.

The growth of the equine industry will bring with it the need for other equine service businesses and for Challenge Tamworth to see this opportunity and act on it is a real credit to them.

The new facility will provide many employment opportunities particularly for people with disabilities,” Mr Windsor said.

Challenge Tamworth’s equine laundry service will clean horse rugs, saddle cloths and horse accessories from across the region.

“The laundering of equine cloth is always very tough and needs very heavy duty machines.

The Regional Partnerships funding will be used towards the purchase of land, industrial washing machines and other equipment such as dryers, a boiler, trolleys and drying stands.

I thank the New England North West Area Consultative Committee for their efforts in facilitating Challenge Tamworth’s application.

I also thank the Minister Warren Truss and his selection committee for recognising the benefits of supporting this project,” Mr Windsor said.