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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Windsor to meet Health Dept on Pat Dixon Medical Centre future**

The future of the Pat Dixon Aboriginal Medical Centre in Armidale will be the topic of discussion at a meeting being arranged between Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing officials and the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor wrote to Minister Tony Abbott last week following a meeting with leaders of the Northern Tablelands indigenous community.

“In the letter to Minister Abbott I explained that the Aboriginal representatives at the meeting were united in the need to keep the Pat Dixon Aboriginal Medical Centre going and addressing the needs of the Aboriginal community in Armidale.

I also expressed to Minister Abbott that I was very pleased that this unity of purpose was achieved and that I was now seeking a meeting with Commonwealth Department of Health officials responsible for the funding of services to put the case for the need to have the Centre continue in its role in improving the health of Aboriginal people in the region,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that there was a need for constructive dialogue with the Department of Health and Ageing to resolve a potential crisis for aboriginal health care in the region.

“I’m also pleased that the Department of Health and Ageing has responded so promptly to my request for a meeting and I thank Minister Abbott for his consideration of this very important matter,” Mr Windsor said.

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