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Windsor ready to raise Armidale Aboriginal Medical Centre with new Health Minister

The future of the Pat Dixon Aboriginal Medical Centre in Armidale will be the first issue raised with the new Federal Health Minister by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor met with Commonwealth Department of Health officials during the election campaign to progress the issues raised at a meeting of Aboriginal Community members and to seek solutions to ensure the future of the Pat Dixon Centre.

Mr Windsor will now look to the new Minister to address the issue as a matter of urgency so that health services continue to be available at the Centre.

“The future of the Pat Dixon Centre is very important to Aboriginal people in Armidale and district and the community is united in the need for health services to be delivered through the Centre.

There has never been any criticism of the financial management of the Centre.

I will be putting to the Minister that the current approved model of governance for the Aboriginal Medical Centre that it essentially requires that ownership and management of the health agency is vested in the local indigenous community be supported.