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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Windsor seeks Ministerial assurances on CSIRO Chiswick rumours**

Rumours that the CSIRO research facility at Chiswick between Uralla and Armidale is in danger of closure or downsizing its activities have caused Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor to seek assurances from the Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry the Hon Tony Burke about its future.

Mr Windsor is acting on concerns raised with him by a number of people in the community and wants to nip the issue in the bud.

“CSIRO Chiswick is a very important facility not only in terms of its value to the region through employment of highly qualified people but it also provides world class research and development services that have direct application to industry.

It is this applied science that keeps the Australian wool industry at the forefront of world’s best practice.

Any change to the activities of the programs at Chiswick would be very detrimental to Australia maintaining its competitive advantage.

This is the message I have given to the Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, Tony Burke.

I look forward to his positive response such that the rumours can be nipped in the bud and the people at Chiswick can continue in their important roles in the confidence that they will not have to relocate or reduce their activities,” Mr Windsor said.